

Thursday, March 11, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Education Flexibility Partnership Act.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures, including a Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999 and the Financial Service Act of 1999.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2535–S2611*

**Measures Introduced:** Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 585–603, and S. Con. Res. 17. **Pages S2575–76**

#### Measures Passed:

***Unilateral Declaration of a Palestine State:*** Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 10, 1999, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood, and by 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 38), Senate agreed to the resolution. **Pages S2535–42, S2556**

***Education Flexibility Partnership Act:*** By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 48), Senate passed H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, after striking all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 280 (Senate companion measure), and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2542–73**

#### Adopted:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2542–71**

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 40), Jeffords (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 60 (to Amendment No. 31), to express the sense of the Senate regarding flexibility to use certain Federal education funds to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 39), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

**Pages S2542–43, S2556–58**

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 42), Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 66 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

**Pages S2543, S2560–61**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

**Pages S2543, S2561–62**

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 45), Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 68 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act with respect to alternative educational settings.

**Pages S2543, S2564–66**

#### Rejected:

Feinstein/Dorgan/Bingaman Amendment No. 61 (to Amendment No. 31), to assist local educational agencies to help all students achieve State achievement standards, and to end the practice of social promotion. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 46), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2543, S2566–67**

Wellstone Amendment No. 62 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for local and state plans, use of funds, and accountability, under the Carl D. Perkins

Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, except to permit the formation of secondary and post-secondary consortia. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 47), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2543, S2567

Bingaman Amendment No. 63 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 43), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bingaman (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 31), authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000 through 2005 to provide for class-size reduction in the early grades and to provide for the hiring of additional qualified teachers. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 41), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2543, S2558-60

Bingaman (for Boxer) Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 31), to improve academic and social outcomes for students and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities during after school hours. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2543, S2562-64

Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, S. 280 was placed back on the Senate Calendar.

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**National Missile Defense Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, March 15, 1999.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on Calendar:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Quorum Calls:** One quorum call was taken today. (Total—5)

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**Record Votes:** Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—48)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday,

March 15, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2611.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, focusing on decennial census and other statistical programs, oceans and atmosphere, trade, technology, and assisting distressed communities, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

### APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, after receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, and Laura S.H. Holgate, Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, all of the Department of Energy.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, receiving testimony from Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Strategic Subcommittee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition;

and Gen Robert T. Marsh, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Airborne Laser Independent Assessment Team.

#### **AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the defense health program, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, and H. James T. Sears, Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity, both of the Department of Defense; Maj. Gen. John S. Parker, USA, Commanding General, Medical Research and Materiel Command and Fort Detrick; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN, Navy Surgeon General; Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, USAF, Air Force Surgeon General; David J. McIntyre, Jr., TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix, Arizona; Robert E. Shields, Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., Louisville; Virginia Torsch, Retired Officers Association, Annandale, Virginia, and Sydney T. Hickey, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Virginia, both on behalf of the Military Coalition; and Col. Charles C. Partridge, USA (Ret.), National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia, on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance.

#### **AIRLINE PASSENGER FAIRNESS ACT**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings on S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, receiving testimony from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Darlene McCord, Royale Renaissance, Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Glenbrook, Nevada; Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and Mark Silbergeld, Consumers Union, both of Washington D.C.; Lawton Roberts, Uniglobe Country Place Travel, Lawrenceville, Georgia; Paul M. Ruden, American Society of Travel Agents, Inc, Alexandria, Virginia; Darryl Jenkins, Aviation Institute/George Washington University, Falls Church, Virginia; and Jeannie Johanningsmeirer, Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### **WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year

2000 for the Army Corps of Engineers, after receiving testimony from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, and Michael L. Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy and Legislation, both of the Department of the Army.

#### **INTERNATIONAL TAXATION**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to explore the ramifications of the changing world economy and the reforms that are needed in the international tax area, receiving testimony from Robin D. Beran, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois; Julietta Guarino, ABB, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Organization for International Investment; John L. Loffredo, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; Robert H. Perlman, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; John H. Mutti, Grinnell College Department of Economics, Grinnell, Iowa; and Matthew J. Slaughter, Dartmouth College Department of Economics, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### **EMBASSY SECURITY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine embassy security for a new millennium, focusing on the bombings in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's efforts to protect American personnel, facilities, and national security information, and the Accountability Review Board recommendations, receiving testimony from Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman, Accountability Review Boards for the Embassy Bombings in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam, David G. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, and Patrick F. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary for Administration, all of the Department of State.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

#### **MANAGED HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on proposals to enhance consumer protections for privately-insured Americans who receive health coverage under managed care arrangements, including S. 6, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, and S. 300 and S. 326, bills to improve access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Peter W.

Thomas, former Chair, Subcommittee on Consumer Rights, Protections and Responsibilities, President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry; and Karen M. Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, Ronald F. Pollack, Families USA Foundation, Beverly L. Malone, American Nurses Association, and Marcia L. Comstock, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

### Y2K COMPUTER PROBLEM

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings to explore claims that failures caused by the Y2K computer glitch will result in a large number of lawsuits that could nega-

tively impact the courts and business community, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Michael C. Spencer, Milberg, Weiss, Bershad, Hynes, and Lerach, New York, New York; Charles Rothfeld, Mayer, Brown, and Platt, and William Frederick Lewis, Prospect Technologies, both of Washington, D.C.; William Steel Sessions, FedNet, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas/former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; George Scalise, Semiconductor Industry Association, San Jose, California; and John H. McGuckin, Jr., Union Bank of California, San Francisco.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 39 public bills, H.R. 1069–1107; and 8 resolutions, H. J. Res. 37–38, H. Con. Res. 53–54, and H. Res. 108–111, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act, and the Privacy Act of 1974 to request Government Records (H. Rept. 106–50); and

H.R. 820, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, amended (H. Rept. 106–51).

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Bachus wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 108, electing Representative Scarborough to the Committee on the Judiciary and Representative Baker to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Education Flexibility Partnership Act:** The House passed H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships by a recorded vote of 330 ayes to 90 noes, Roll No. 41. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on March 10.

Pages H1175–77

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule, as amended.

Pages H1176–77

Rejected the Scott amendment, numbered 21 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to authorize a waiver in the case of a school that participates in a Title I program only if the school

serves at least thirty-five percent of children from low-income families (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 40).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of H.R. 800.

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H. Res. 100, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on March 10.

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures debated on March 9:

**Bankruptcy Relief Extension for Certain Family Farmers:** H.R. 808, amended, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted (passed by yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 42). Agreed to amend the title;

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**Expressing Support for Free Elections in Indonesia:** H. Res. 32, expressing support for, and calling for actions in support of, free, fair, and transparent elections in Indonesia (passed by yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 43); and

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**Human Rights Abuses in China and Tibet:** H. Con. Res. 28, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 44).

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**Peacekeeping Operation in Kosovo:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 42, regarding the use of United States Armed Forces as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation implementing a Kosovo peace agreement by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 191 noes with 9 voting "present," Roll No. 49.

Pages H1189–H1250

Agreed To:

Gejdenson amendment, numbered 5 and printed in the Congressional Record, that includes a declaration of policy relating to an interim peace agreement; authorization for deployment of Armed Forces; and limitation of Armed Forces participation to not more than 15 percent; and

Pages H1215–49

Gilman amendment to the Gejdenson amendment, numbered 5, to authorize the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces to Kosova and require the President to submit various reports to Congress including a statement outlining the national interest in the conflict; specifying resources required; identifying the rules of engagement; and establishing an exit strategy before ordering the deployment of any Armed Forces personnel.

Pages H1247–48

Rejected:

Fowler amendment, to the Gejdenson amendment numbered 5 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to limit the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces to Kosovo and to not authorize the President to deploy ground forces as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation (rejected by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 237 noes with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 48).

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Points of order sustained against:

Gejdenson amendment, numbered 7 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to include a declaration of policy relating to an interim agreement; authorization for deployment of Armed Forces; declaration of policy relating to support for the Armed Forces; and a limitation of Armed Forces participation to not more than 15 percent. Subsequently, sustained the ruling of the Chair by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 47; and

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Skelton amendment numbered 52 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to not allow the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces to Kosovo unless a peace agreement has been reached and the deployment has been approved by Congress.

Pages H1248–49

House agreed to H. Res. 103, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 46. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 218 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 45.

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**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Wolf, Salmon, Greenwood, and Forbes to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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**Meeting Hour—March 15:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 15.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 17.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1176, H1176–77, H1177–78, H1178–79, H1179, H1188, H1188–89, H1215, H1246–47, and H1249–50. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the Forest Service fiscal year 2000 Budget. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Peterson of Pennsylvania; the following officials of the USDA: Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service; and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General; Linda M. Calbom, Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Accounting and Financial Management Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Attorney General. Testimony was heard from Janet Reno, Attorney General.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Richard Danzig, Secretary; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Energy Resources and Science. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Science.

**FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance. Testimony was heard from John D. Holum, Acting Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security Affairs, Department of State; and James Bodner, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

**INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Smithsonian. Testimony was heard from I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

**LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Postsecondary Education, and Special Institutions for the Disabled, and on Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Robert R. Davila, Vice President, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology; and Tuck Tinsley, III, President, American Printing House for the Blind.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Construction. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Pirie, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, (Installations and Environment), Department of Defense.

**VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued hearings on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

**DEFENSE BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the various combatant commanders-in-chief (CINC's) on their geographic areas of responsibility and assess the impact of the fiscal year 1999 defense budget request on their respective missions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary (Policy) and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command.

**DOMESTIC TERRORISM—FEDERAL  
RESPONSE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on the federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—increasing the effectiveness of the domestic emergency preparedness program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles L. Cragin, Acting Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Delores M. Etter, Deputy Under Secretary, Science and Technology; Raymond Dominguez, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Forces and Resources), Office of the Assistant Secretary (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict); and Major. Gen. John Doesburg, USA, Commander, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; and Page Stoutland, Director, Chemical and Biological Nonproliferation Program, Department of Energy.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported amended the Financial Services Act of 1999.

**DEFENSE BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on “The Clinton Defense Plan: Shipshape or Treading Water?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary; and William J. Lynn, III, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and public witnesses.

**EXXON-MOBIL MERGER**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power concluded hearings on the Exxon-Mobil merger. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**“DATE RAPE” DRUGS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on “Date Rape” Drugs. Testimony was heard from Representative Jackson-Lee; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nicholas Reuter, Associate Director, Domestic and International Drug Control, Office of Health Affairs, FDA; and

Stephen Zukin, M.D., Director, Clinical and Services Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Terrance W. Woodworth, Deputy Director, Office of Diversion Control, DEA; and Patricia Maher, Civil Division; and public witnesses.

### SCHOOL VIOLENCE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on School Violence: Protecting our Children. Testimony was heard from Mark Rosenberg, M.D., Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Census approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 928, 2000 Census Mail Outreach Improvement Act; H.R. 929, 2000 Census Language Barrier Removal Act; H.R. 1009, to authorize the awarding of grants to cities, counties, tribal organizations, and certain other entities for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 decennial census; and H.R. 1010, to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion, and outreach.

### COMBATTING TERRORISM—GAO VIEWS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on "Government-wide Spending to Combat Terrorism: GAO Views on the President's Annual Report". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO: Henry L. Hnton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller; and Davi M. D'Agostino, Assistant Director, National Security Analysis.

### TIBETAN UPRISING—40TH ANNIVERSARY—DALAI LAMA'S PLIGHT

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Considerations on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising and the Dalai Lama's Flight into Exile. Testimony was heard from Julia V. Taft, Assistant Secretary, Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 850, Security

and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act; H.R. 769, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions; and H.R. 1027, amended, Satellite Television Improvement Act.

### OVERSIGHT—JUVENILE JUSTICE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime concluded oversight hearings on putting consequences back into juvenile justice, Federal, State, and local efforts. Testimony was heard from Representative Mike Lawlor, member, House of Representatives, State of Connecticut; Judge Patricia West, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Virginia Beach; and Judge Richard D. Taylor, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Richmond, both with the State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims also held an oversight hearing on the impact of immigration on low-skilled American workers and on American minority communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Yukon River Salmon Act, the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988. Testimony was heard from Mary Beth West, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans, Fisheries and Space, Department of State; Rowan Gould, Deputy Assistant Director, Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Gary Matlock, Chief, Sustainable Fisheries Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of Route 66 Corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; and H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge

National Historical Park. Testimony was heard from Senator Specter; Representatives Wilson, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Pitts and Hoeffel; Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship, National Parks Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 992, amended, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1019, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey lands and interests comprising the Carlsbad Irrigation Project to the Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 841, amended, Welton-Mohawk Transfer Act; and H.R. 862, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act.

#### OVERSIGHT—BUDGET

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget: Regulations and Operations. Testimony was heard from Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Space Commercialization, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Patti Grace Smith, Associate Administrator, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, FAA, Department of Transportation; Joseph Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Office of Human Space Flight, NASA; and a public witness.

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY REVIEW PANELS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a joint hearing on the Small Business Advocacy Review Panels created by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1000, amended, Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the “Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse”; H.R. 751, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the “Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H.R. 717, National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 1999; H.R. 820, amended, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; H. Con. Res. 44, amended, authorizing the

use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 47, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; H. Con. Res. 50, authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H. Con. Res. 51, expressing the sense of Congress that Dr. Doan Viet Hoat is to be praised and honored for his commitment to fight for democratic change in Vietnam.

The Committee also approved an 11(b) resolution.

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*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York as the “Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse;” H.R. 751, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the “Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H. Con. Res. 44, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 47, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; H. Con. Res. 50, authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; and H. Con. Res. 51, expressing the sense of Congress that Dr. Doan Viet Hoat is to be praised and honored for his commitment to fight for democratic change in Vietnam.

The Subcommittee also approved an 11(b) resolution.

#### BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Approved the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**WHISTLEBLOWING AND RETALIATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on whistleblowing and retaliation in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Elaine Kaplan, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Administration; and Leigh Bradley, General Counsel; and public witnesses.

**DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES—BARRIERS PREVENTING RETURN TO WORK**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Barriers Preventing Disability Beneficiaries from Returning to Work. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut and Ramstad; Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—COX/DICKS COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Findings of the Cox/Dicks Committee. The Committee was briefed by Representatives Cox and Dicks.

**Joint Meetings****BANKRUPTCY REFORM**

*Joint Meeting:* Senate Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, after receiving testimony from Dean Sheaffer, Boscov's Department Store, Inc., Laurel Dale, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; Bruce L. Hammonds, MBNA America Bank, Wilmington, Delaware; Carol J. Kenner, United States Bankruptcy Judge, for the District of Massachusetts, Gary Klein, National Consumer Law Center, and Elizabeth Warren, Harvard Law School, all of Boston, Massachusetts; Larry Nuss, Cedar Falls Community Credit Union, Cedar Falls, Iowa, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association, Inc.; Edith Hollan Jones, United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission; Judith Greenstone Miller, Clark Hill, Birmingham, Michigan, on behalf of the Commercial Law League of America; and Todd Zywicki, George

Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1999**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings on President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SD-226.

**House**

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Year 2000-2001, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* hearing on S. 314, Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

Week of March 15 through March 20, 1999

**Senate Chamber**

Senate will not be in session on Friday, March 12, 1999.

**Senate Committees**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 18, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 16, business Meeting to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 16, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-366.

March 17, Full Committee, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 16, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property,

and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Plan Program of the Clean Air Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

March 17, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-406.

March 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

March 18, Full Committee, to resume hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 16, to hold hearings on Social Security reform proposals, including S. 263, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Personal Retirement Accounts Program; and S. 21, to reduce social security payroll taxes, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 18, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine spending trends in the Medicare program, the impact on those trends of Medicare savings in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Medicare, including the fifteen-percent surplus funding proposal. Time to be announced, SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 17, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* March 17, to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 16, to hold hearings to examine education programs for the disadvantaged, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 17, Full Committee, business Meeting to mark up S. 326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 17, to hold hearings on S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 18, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on Small Business:* March 16, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 17, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

### House Chamber

*Monday*, pro forma session.

*Tuesday*, consideration of suspensions and consideration of H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act.

*Wednesday*, consideration of H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports and establish an import notification and monitoring program; and consideration of H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act.

*Thursday*, National Security briefing on the ballistic missile threat and consideration of H.R. 4, National Missile Defense Policy.

*Friday*, the House is not in session.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture*, March 18, hearing to review the USDA's implementation of disaster assistance and the operation of other programs, 8:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, March 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, on U.S. Geological Survey, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment, 10 a.m., and on Employment Standards Administration and Mine Safety and Health Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Coast Guard Capital and Funding Requirements, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on FBI, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Trade Representative, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and executive, on fiscal year 2000 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 17, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Interior, on Department of Energy—Fossil Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 10 a.m., and on Inspectors General Panel, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Departmental Administration/Chief Financial Officer/Chief Information Officer, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on International Organizations and Peacekeeping, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Military Readiness, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

March 18, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, on Social Security Administration and Gallaudet University, 10 a.m., and on Institute of Museum and Library Services and Railroad Retirement Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., and on Customs Integrity, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., and on Department of Defense-Civil, Cemetery Expenses, and Army, 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 16, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on long-term planning for military infrastructure and installations management requirements, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on the fiscal year 2000 Maritime Administration authorization request and fiscal year 2000 (first quarter) Panama Canal Commission authorization request, 1 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

March 17, full committee, hearing on U.S. policy in the Balkans, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on recruiting issues, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the shipment of household goods, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, March 16, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Women's Health: Raising Awareness of Cervical Cancer, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on reauthorization of the FCC, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Evolving Federal and State Roles, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 17, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families,

hearing on Impact Aid: Keeping the Federal Promise, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Impediments to Union Democracy: Public and Private Sector Workers Under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: Preventing Juvenile Crime at School and in the Community, 11:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 15, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and Subcommittee on Technology of the Science Committee, joint hearing on "Will the Department of Transportation and FAA be Ready for the Year 2000?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Overview of Agency Efforts to Prevent and Treat Drug Abuse, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, oversight hearing to examine critical issues facing the nation's veterans, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 16, to consider the Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution of the 106th Congress, 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 16, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Leveling the Playing Field and Opening Markets: Negotiating a WTO Agricultural Agreement, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, to consider the following: The Microenterprise for Self Reliance Act; H. Res. 59, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); H. Res. 99, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the human rights situation in Cuba; and H. Con. Res. 35, congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on U.S. Policy Challenges in the Central Asian Republics, 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Debt Relief for Africa, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 16, 17 and 18, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearings on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., on March 16 and 17 and 11 a.m., on March 18, 2141 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 354, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act, 11 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged

Areas Act of 1999; and to hold an oversight hearing on illegal immigration, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 16, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Committee of Scientists—National Forest Planning, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 17, full committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 18, hearing on H.R. 883, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the Coastal Zone Management Reauthorization; followed by an oversight hearing on the fiscal year 2000 budget request of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service, 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 18, Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, to mark up pending business, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, March 16, Subcommittee on Basic Research, oversight hearing on Information Technology for the 21st Century, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 17, full Committee, oversight hearing on Why and How you should learn Math and Science? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Au-

thorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Research and Development, 11:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 17, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, hearing on Oversight of the Office of Motor Carriers, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the following bills: H.R. 700, Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 1999, H.R. 780, Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act of 1999, and H.R. 908, Aviation Consumer Right to Know Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 18, to mark up H.R. 70, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 16, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Federal Resources Available for Child Care, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare+Choice Program, 11 a.m., 1100 Rayburn.

March 18, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Tax Treatment of Structured Settlements, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: March 17, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
12 Noon, Monday, March 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
2 p.m., Monday, March 15

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the recognition of six Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 257, National Missile Defense Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Pro Forma Session.

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