

Monday, March 15, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2613–S2693

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 604–621. **Page S2648**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process. (S. Rept. No. 106–14) **Page S2648**

Measures Passed:

Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 540, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program. **Pages S2692–93**

National Missile Defense Act: Senate resumed 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, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2625–46**

Pending:

Cochran Amendment No. 69, to clarify that the deployment funding is subject to the annual authorization and appropriation process. **Pages S2625–26**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and Amendment No. 69 (listed above) with a vote to occur on the pending amendment at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. **Page S2646**

Commending Senator Kerrey—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of a resolution commending Honorable J. Robert Kerrey, United States Senator from Nebraska, on the 30th Anniversary of the events giving rise to his receiving the Medal of Honor. **Page S2693**

Appointment:

Congressional Budget Office: The Chair, pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of Public Law 93–344, announced on behalf of the President pro tempore of

the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the joint appointment of Mr. Dan L. Crippen as Director of the Congressional Budget Office, effective February 3, 1999, for the term of office expiring on January 3, 2003. **Page S2692**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16). **Page S2646**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Adalberto Jose Jordan, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S2693**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2693.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TOBACCO AND MEDICAID SETTLEMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the Health Care Financing Administration's obligation under

current law to recoup Federal taxpayers' share of Medicaid funds from State tobacco settlements, after receiving testimony from Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Pennsylvania Attorney General Mike Fisher, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, Austin; Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, Des Moines; and Matthew Myers, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Washington, D.C.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: On Friday, March 12, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Mike Dombeck, Chief, and Ronald E. Stewart, Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 16.

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings on the status of agricultural

trade issues and negotiations with the People's Republic of China and the European Union, focusing on market access, China's negotiations with the World Trade Organization, pork import restrictions, the European Union's Common Agricultural Policy, biotechnology issues, and approval process, beef import restrictions, the oilseed industry trade, and labeling, receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Peter L. Scher, Special Trade Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; John Hardin, Jr., Danville, Indiana, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Allen F. Johnson, National Oilseed Processors Association, and Greg Mastel, Economic Strategy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

JUSTICE BUDGET

Committee on the Judiciary: On Friday, March 12, Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 1108–1109; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 55, and H. Res. 112 were introduced. Page H1267

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program, adversely (H. Rept. 106–51). Page H1267

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1261

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

Committee on Commerce: On March 12, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

DOT AND FAA—WILL THEY BE READY FOR YEAR 2000?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on "Will the Department of Transportation and the FAA be Ready for the Year 2000?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary; Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Joel C.

Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: On March 12, the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on the Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Year 2000–2001: Security of United States Missions Abroad. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David G. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and Adm. William J. Crowe, Jr., USN (Ret.); and a public witness.

SMALL BUSINESS YEAR 2000 READINESS ACT

Committee on Small Business: On March 12, the Committee held a hearing on S. 314, Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act. Testimony was heard from Jeanne M. Sclater, Deputy Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to assess the roles and preparedness of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs to respond to a domestic chemical or biological weapons attack, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services food safety programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Kennedy Center, National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution and Woodrow Wilson International Center, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, focusing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Immigration and Naturalization Service, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Navy military construction programs, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold a joint closed hear-

ing on alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, 9:30 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy national security programs, and the future years defense program, 11 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold a closed briefing, followed by an open hearing, on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on information warfare and critical infrastructure protection, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export Administration Act, focusing on managing national security risk for high tech exports, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: 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: with the Committee on Armed Services, to hold a joint closed hearing on alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, 9:30 a.m., S–407, Capitol.

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.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: 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.

Committee on Finance: 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.

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

Committee on Small Business: 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: with the Committee on Appropriation's Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold joint hearings to assess the roles and preparedness of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs to respond to a domestic chemical or biological weapons attack, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

House

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

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

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

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

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., and on Employment Standards Administration and Mine Safety and Health Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Armed Services, 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.

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

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on the Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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

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

Committee on International Relations, 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.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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

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

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Clandestine Operations, 1 p.m., and, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year Budget: Covert Action, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of a resolution commending Honorable J. Robert Kerrey, United States Senator from Nebraska, on the 30th anniversary of the events giving rise to his receiving the Medal of Honor.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 257, National Missile Defense Act, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 69 at 2:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 4 Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 774, Women's Business Center Amendments Act of 1999;

(2) H.R. 858, District of Columbia Court Employees Whistleblower Protection Act of 1999;

(3) H.R. 807, Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability Act;

(4) H. Con. Res. 24, Opposition to the Unilateral Declaration of a Palestinian State; and

Consideration of H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999 (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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