

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures, including the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies appropriation for Fiscal Year 2000 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5507–S5632*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1074–1085. **Pages S5586–87**

**Juvenile Justice:** Senate continued consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5507–83**

Adopted:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 127), Sessions/Inhofe Amendment No. 357, relating to the placement of a disclaimer on materials produced, procured or disseminated as a result of funds made available under this Act. **Pages S5522–23, S5527–28**

By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 129), Hatch (for Santorum) Amendment No. 360, to encourage States to incarcerate individuals convicted of murder, rape, or child molestation. **Pages S5525–29**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 361, to provide for school safety and violence prevention and teacher liability protection measures. **Pages S5524–25, S5529**

Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 363, to make certain additions and modifications to the bill, including the establishment of a School Security Technology Center to provide resources to local educational agencies for school security assessments, security technology development, technology availability and implementation, and technical assistance relating to improving school security, and to provide funding for school security programs and to address drug, gang, and youth violence problems. **Pages S5549–59**

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 131), McConnell Amendment No. 365, to discourage the promotion

of violence in motion pictures and television productions. **Pages S5574–78, S5582**

Rejected:

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 358, to provide for additional mental health and student service providers. (By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 128), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5523–24, S5528**

Wellstone/Kennedy Amendment No. 364, to provide for juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of racial minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5559–74, S5582**

Boxer Amendment No. 319, to reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime and to improve academic and social outcomes for students by providing productive activities during after school hours. (By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 132), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5578–82**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 355, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to authorize schools to apply appropriate discipline measures in cases where students have firearms. **Pages S5529–49**

Wellstone Amendment No. 356, to improve the juvenile delinquency prevention challenge grant program. **Page S5507**

Lautenberg/Kerrey Amendment No. 362, to regulate the sale of firearms at gun shows. **Pages S5508–22**

Lott (for Smith (of Oregon)/Jeffords) Amendment No. 366, to reverse provisions relating to pawn and other gun transactions. **Page S5583**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain pending amendments, on Thursday, May 20, 1999, with votes to occur on Amendment Nos. 362 and 366. Page S5583

### Appointment:

**Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Quebec City, Canada, May 20–24, 1999: Senators Grassley, Inhofe, DeWine, Grams, Voinovich, and Akaka. Page S5632

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

- 37 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
  - 35 Army nominations in the rank of general.
  - 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
  - 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army and Navy. Page S5632

**Communications:** Pages S5584–86

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S5587–S5605

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S5605–06

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S5606–28

**Notices of Hearings:** Page S5628

**Authority for Committees:** Page S5628

**Additional Statements:** Pages S5628–32

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—132) Pages S5527–29, S5581–82

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5632.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the budget and posture of the United States Army, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 109, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, with an amendment;

S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison National Conservation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 415, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds;

S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility, with an amendment;

S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system, with an amendment;

S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 607, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992;

S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska;

S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, with an amendment;

S. 744, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, with an amendment;

S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, with an amendment;

S. 776, to authorize the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa, with an amendment;

H.R. 154, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 449, to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park.

Also, Committee began mark up of S. 608, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, but did not complete consideration thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings on the status of the Youth Conservation Corps and other service and job training programs conducted by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Dale M. Penny, Arlington, Virginia, and Katorra C. Wright, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the Student Conservation Association; Andrew O. Moore, National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, Washington,

D.C.; and Dwayne Lefthand, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee met in closed and open session and ordered favorably reported an original bill, The Affordable Education Act of 1999.

### INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands, after receiving testimony from Jonathan M. Orszag, Assistant Secretary and Director of Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; David Tovey, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, Oregon; and Dennis Horn, Holland and Knight, Washington, D.C.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, May 26.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 1858–1877; 2 private bills, H.R. 1878–1879; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 181–183, were introduced. **Pages H3391–92**

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

H. Res. 179, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense (H. Rept. 106–150); and

H. Res. 180, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 106–151). **Page H3391**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Collins to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3299**

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 1999:** By a yeas and nays vote of 259 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 139, the House passed H.R. 1654, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002. **Pages H3304–52**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H3351**

Agreed To:

The Rohrabacher amendment that clarifies the provisions dealing with the International Space Station, Pathfinder Operability Demonstration Program, 100th Anniversary of Flight Educational Initiative, and the Ultra Efficient Engine; **Pages H3318–20**

The Traficant amendment that strikes the Ultra Efficient Engine funding limitation in Section 103, Science, Aeronautics, and Technology; **Pages H3320–21**

The Smith of Michigan amendment that requires a plan by NASA and the Department of Agriculture to inform farmers and other prospective users about the use and availability of remote sensing products that may assist with agricultural and forestry applications; **Pages H3321–22**

The Traficant en bloc amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that entities receiving assistance should purchase only American made equipment and products and requires the Administrator to select abandoned and underutilized buildings and facilities in depressed communities that can be converted to NASA facilities at a reasonable cost;

**Page H3322**

The Cook amendment that directs NASA to allocate resources to accelerate the initiatives promoting commercial participation in the International Space Station, consider the impact on commercial participation in policy and program priorities, and publish a list, not later than 90 days after enactment, of the opportunities for this participation; **Pages H3322–23**

The Salmon amendment that requires the Administrator to place anti-drug messages on Internet sites controlled by NASA; **Pages H3328–29**

The Sweeney amendment that requires NASA to certify, in advance of any agreement with the People's Republic of China, that the exchange of technology will not improve the Chinese missile or space launch capabilities and requires an annual audit by the Inspector General of the policies dealing with the export of technologies and the transfer of scientific and technical information; **Page H3345**

The Weiner amendment that authorizes additional funding of \$11 million for aircraft noise reduction technology (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 134); **Pages H3323–28, H3346**

Rejected:

The Roemer amendment that sought to limit the total funding for the International Space Station including the space shuttle launch costs associated with its assembly (rejected by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 135);

**Pages H3329–37, H3346–47**

The Roemer amendment that sought to terminate all contracts necessary to remove the Russian Government as a partner in the International Space Station Program but allow NASA to participate with the Russian Government, entities, or contractors on a commercial basis (rejected by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 136);

**Pages H3337–41, H3347–48**

The Roemer amendment that sought to cancel the International Space Station program (rejected by a

recorded vote of 92 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 137); and

**Pages H3341–44, H3348**

The Bateman amendment that sought to increase funding for Aeronautical Research and Technology funding by \$100 million and decrease International Space Station funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 138).

**Pages H3348–51**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1654 to make technical corrections to reflect the actions of the House and was directed to make the following specific changes: In the instruction to strike in the amendment by Representative Traficant to section 103(4)(A)(i) delete the phrase “focused program, and”, and apply the same instruction to strike to section 103(4)(B)(i) and section 103(4)(C)(i) with respect to fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

**Page H3352**

H. Res. 174, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

**Pages H3302–03**

**National Weather Service and Related Agencies Authorization Act of 1999:** The House passed H.R. 1553, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 and fiscal year 2001 for the National Weather Service, Atmospheric Research, and National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Pages H3352–60**

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

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On a demand for a separate vote, rejected the Costello amendment that sought to increase total funding by 3 percent except for the amounts authorized for Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction by a division vote of 3 ayes to 5 noes (the amendment was previously agreed to in the Committee of the Whole).

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Agreed To:

The Calvert amendment that clarifies that the National Weather Service is responsible to provide weather warnings and forecasts for the protection of life and property of the general public and the U.S. Government is obligated to provide such service under international aviation agreements; **Page H3357**

The Traficant amendment that requires compliance with the “Buy America Act” and expresses the sense of Congress regarding the notice to prohibit contracts with any person who intentionally affixes a “Made in America” inscription to a product not made in the United States.

**Page H3357**

The Costello amendment that sought to increase total funding by 3 percent except for the amounts authorized for Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction; and

**Pages H3358–59**

The Hutchinson amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the National Weather Service must take into account the life threatening nature of weather patterns in Wind Zone IV, otherwise known as tornado alley, before making any determination on the closure of any of its local weather service offices (agreed to by a division vote of 5 ayes to 3 noes).

Pages H3357–58, H3360

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1553 to make technical corrections to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 175, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

Pages H3303–04

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H3299.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3393.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3346, H3346–47, H3347–48, H3348, H3351, and H3352. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops, continued hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriation for fiscal year 2000.

The Committee also approved Suballocations of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2000.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

### WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.

### CHEMICAL SAFETY INFORMATION AND SITE SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 1790, Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Ivan K. Fong, Deputy Associate Attorney General; and Robert Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, FBI; Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 26.

### OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning held a hearing on H.R. 782, Older Americans Act Amendments Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Marnie S. Shaul, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1459, Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act of 1999; H.R. 1439, Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 974, amended, District of Columbia College Access Act; H.R. 1074, amended, Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999; H.R. 206, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; H.R. 100, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the “Clifford R. Hope Post Office”; H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois; H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the “Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building”; H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building"; H.R. 28, Quality Child Care for Federal Employees Act; H.R. 1442, amended, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 1219, amended, Construction Industry Payment Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 457, Organ Donor Leave Act.

The Committee also approved the following: a draft report entitled: "Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management"; and the release of Interrogatories and Documents related to Committee investigation of illegal fundraising.

#### OVERSIGHT—MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE'S ROYALTY VALUATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Minerals Management Service's Royalty Valuation Program. Testimony was heard from Susan Kladiva, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Sylvia Baca, Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; and Robert Williams, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1659, amended, National Police Training Commission Act of 1999; H.R. 462, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income; and H.R. 576, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

The Committee also approved private relief bills.

#### AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 883, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act.

The rule provides that the bill will be open for amendment at any point and that the amendment process shall not exceed 4 hours. The rule makes in order only those amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that the amend-

ments may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, shall be considered as read, and may be amended.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Miller of California and Vento.

#### NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE DEPLOYMENT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule which makes in order a motion to concur in the Senate amendment in the House to the bill, H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense. The rule provides 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

#### VETERAN'S MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE ACT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Veteran's Millennium Health Care Act. Testimony was heard from Kenneth W. Kitzer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to continue hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to commercial space, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to resume hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 348, to

authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, on the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget request for climate change programs and compliance with various statutory provisions in fiscal year 1999 appropriations acts requiring detailed accounting of climate change spending and performance measures for each requested increase in funding, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to resume hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed sulfur standard for gasoline as contained in the proposed Tier Two standards for automobiles, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government; S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits; S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public; the nomination of Eric T. Washington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; the nomination of Stephen H. Glickman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; the nomination of Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; the nomination of John T. Spotila, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; S. 712, to amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for highway-rail grade crossing safety through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps; H.R. 858, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia; and S. 943, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to restore, preserve, and operate the LBJ Presidential Office Suite in Austin, Texas, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Full Committee,* to hold closed oversight hearings on the national security methods and processes relating to the Wen-Ho Lee espionage investigation, 1 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds

for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings on S. 555, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue payment of monthly educational assistance benefits to veterans enrolled at educational institutions during periods between terms if the interval between such periods does not exceed eight weeks; S. 695, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area; S. 940, to provide a temporary authority for the use of voluntary separation incentives by the Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce employment levels, restructure staff; and S. 1076, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, 2:15 p.m., SR-418.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops, to continue hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2000: Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government; and Legislative, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* hearing on key international fiscal issues, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on the Budget Process, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on PURPA, Stranded Costs, and the Environment, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Threat on Bioterrorism in America: Assessing the Adequacy of Federal Law Relating to Dangerous Biological Agents, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform: The States' Perspective, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing on Academic Achievement for All: Increasing Flexibility and Improving Student Performance and Accountability, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on School Violence: What is Being Done to Combat School Violence? What should be Done? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following measures: H.R. 102, the National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act; H.R. 1501, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999; and H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United

States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: H.R. 354, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; the American Inventors Protection Act; H.R. 1565, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999; the Multidistrict Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 1761, Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1225, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Steller Sea Lions, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health, oversight hearing on County Schools 25% Fund Stabilization, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on California Central Valley Water Management, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Security at the Department of Energy: Who's Protecting the Nation's Secrets, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Easing Traffic Congestion and Improving Vehicle Safety: ITS and Transportation Technology Solutions for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1071, Mont-

gomery GI Bill Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1182, Servicemembers Educational Opportunity Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on National Cemeteries, including Arlington National Cemetery, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up H.R. 1833, Trade Agency Authorizations, Drug Free Borders and Prevention of On-Line Pornography Act of 1999, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on U.S. Customs Service passenger inspection operations, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold joint oversight hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, on the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget request for climate change programs and compliance with various statutory provisions in fiscal year 1999 appropriations acts requiring detailed accounting of climate change spending and performance measures for each requested increase in funding, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 254, Juvenile Justice, with votes to occur on Amendment Nos. 362 and 366. Also, Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, with a vote to occur thereon.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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