

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Social Security Earnings Test Elimination bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2266–2276. **Page S1596**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report to accompany S. 2251, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, and to provide agriculture producers with choices to manage risk. (S. Rept. No. 106–247)

S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–248)

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Measures Passed:

Social Security Earnings Test Elimination: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 42), Senate passed H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age, as previously amended. **Pages S1533–41**

Federal Crop Insurance Act Amendments: Senate began consideration of S. 2251, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, and to provide agriculture producers with choices to manage risk, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1563–82**

Adopted:

Lugar/Harkin Modified Amendment No. 2887, to strengthen and make certain improvements to Federal Crop Insurance Act provisions. **Pages S1564, S1573–76**

Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2888, to express the sense of Congress regarding the Rally for Rural America and the rural crisis. **Pages S1566–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following third reading of the bill, the Senate proceed to the House companion bill, H.R. 2559, strike all after the enacting clause, and insert

the text of S. 2251, as amended, the House bill be advanced to third reading and passage occur, all without any intervening action or debate. Further, the Senate insist on its amendment, and request a conference with the House thereon. **Page S1564**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 23, 2000, with a vote on the Wellstone Amendment No. 2888 (listed above), to occur at 11 a.m., followed by a vote on final passage of H.R. 2559, House companion measure. **Page S1582**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the combined annual reports of the National Science Foundation for fiscal years 1996–1997 and the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–94) **Page S1591**

Transmitting the 1998 annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–95) **Pages S1591–92**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bruce Sundlun, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Nuria I. Fernandez, of Illinois, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Lawrence George Rossin, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

John A. White, Jr., of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Re-appointment)

Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. (New Position) **Page S1617**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—42)	Page S1540

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 23, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1617.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CABIN USER FEE FAIRNESS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded hearings on S. 1938, to provide for the return of fair and reasonable fees to the Federal Government for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land under the recreation residence program, after receiving testimony from Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; David R. Mead, Sawtooth Forest Cabin Owners' Association, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mary Clarke Ver Hoef, National Forest Homeowners, Sacramento, California; Paul R. Allman, American Land Rights Association, and Richard M. Betts, Betts and Associates, both of Berkeley, California; and Joe Corlett, Mountain States Appraisal and Consulting, Inc., Boise, Idaho.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on tactical aviation, after receiving testimony from H. Lee Buchanan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lawrence J. Delaney, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Philip E. Coyle, III, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

ELECTRONIC AND EQUITY FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine electronic communications networks and brokerage firms efforts to meet investors' needs in the equity financial marketplace of the future, after receiving testimony from J. Joe Ricketts, Ameritrade Holding Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, and Kevin Foley, Bloomberg Tradebook, both of New York, New York; David G. Downey, Interactive Brokers, and Gerald Putnam, Archipelago, both of Chicago, Illinois; and John M. Schaible, NexTrade Holdings, Inc., Clearwater, Florida.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NASA MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space held hearings to examine recent program and management issues at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, Harry McDonald, Director, Ames Research Center, Tony Spear, Task Leader, and Arthur G. Stephenson, Director, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, all of NASA; and Allen Li, Associate Director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

WATER AND POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings

on H.R. 862, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District, H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District, H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes, S. 2091 and H.R. 3077, bills to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project, and S. 1659, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts, after receiving testimony from Representatives Herger, Doolittle, George Miller, and Dooley; Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Walter P. McNeill, Clear Creek Community Services District, Anderson, California; Walter J. Bishop, Contra Costa Water District, Concord, California; Steven Malloch, Trout Unlimited, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Daniel G. Nelson, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Los Banos, California; and Jerry Nypen, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Projects, Sidney, Montana.

MEDICARE REFORM: PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, focusing on current and supplemental drug coverage, beneficiary income spending, benefit design, and cost controls, receiving testimony from Jennifer O'Sullivan, Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Edwin C. Hustead, Hay Group, on behalf of the Congressional Research Service, Alan F. Holmer, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Charles N. Kahn, III, Health Insurance Association of America, and Deborah Briceland-Betts, Older Women's League, all of Washington, D.C.; and Alan B. Levin, Happy Harry's, Inc., Newark, Delaware, on behalf of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 28.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the impact of United Nations sanctions and United States policy on Iraq, focusing on the proposed United Nations Resolution 1284 which re-affirms that Iraq has not fulfilled its obligation under previous Security Council resolutions to declare and destroy its weapons of mass destruction, receiving testimony from Edward S. Walker, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, and Paul Leventhal, Nuclear Control Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Charles Duelfer, UNSCOM, New York, New York.

DOE GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANTS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Department of Energy's management of health and safety issues surrounding the DOE's gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Piketon, Ohio, after receiving testimony from David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety and Health; Jeffery B. Walburn, Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Greenup, Kentucky; Steven B. Markowitz, City University of New York Queens College Center for the Biology of Natural Systems, Flushing, New York; Vikki Hatfield, Kingston, Tennessee; Ann H. Orick, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Sam Ray, Lucasville, Ohio.

ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded oversight hearings on certain antitrust enforcement issues, after receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; and Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine certain constitutional issues surrounding campaign finance reform, including certain contributions made to a political party that do not come within the current limits and restrictions imposed by the Federal Election Campaign Act, and "phony issue ads", receiving testimony from Ira Glasser, American Civil Liberties Union, and Deborah Goldberg, NYU School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, both of New York, New York; Joel M. Gora, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York; Kathleen M. Sullivan, Stanford University Law School, Stanford, California; Lillian R. BeVier, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville;

and Alan B. Morrison, Public Citizen Litigation Group, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1315, to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kyl, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Charles Tillman, Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4051–4066, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 292, were introduced. **Pages H1283–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 89, recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage (H. Rept. 106–534) and

[H. Res. 446, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 290, Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–535)] **Page H1283**

Guest Chaplain: The Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Elizabeth C. Sisco of Levelland, Texas. **Page H1175**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 21, by a yea and nay vote of 352 yeas to 49 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 58. **Pages H1177–78**

Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000: The House passed S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 167 noes, Roll No. 63—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H1183–H1200**

Rejected the Berkley motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instructions that the Committee hold hearings on the bill by a yea and nay vote of 188 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 62. **Pages H1197–99**

Representative Gibbons made a point of order against consideration of the bill pursuant to section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 dealing with unfunded mandates. Subsequently the House voted to consider the bill by yea and nay vote of 206 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H1187–89**

H. Res. 444, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 60. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 59. **Pages H1178–83**

Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000: The House passed H.R. 3822, to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United

States economy by a yea and nay vote of 382 yeas to 38 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 65. **Pages H1218–46**

Rejected the Gejdenson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to consider effective measures that reduce the high oil prices on the international market created by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and report it back with amendments containing such effective measures. **Pages H1245–46**

Agreed to the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by striking subsection 6(c), and made in order by the rule. **Page H1245**

Points of order sustained against:

DeFazio amendment No. 8, printed in the Congressional Record that sought to suspend the exports of Alaskan oil; **Pages H1231–32**

Dingell amendment No. 9, printed in the Congressional Record that sought to reauthorize the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; **Pages H1232–33**

Amendments Withdrawn:

Traficant amendment No. 21, printed in the Congressional Record, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to impose a civil penalty for unreasonable price increase for crude oil, residual fuel oil, or refined petroleum products; **Page H1234**

Traficant amendment No. 22, printed in the Congressional Record, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to impose a civil penalty for unreasonable price increase for crude oil, residual fuel oil, or refined petroleum products; **Pages H1234–35**

Traficant amendment No. 23, printed in the Congressional Record, was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to impose a civil penalty for unreasonable price increase for crude oil, residual fuel oil, or refined petroleum products; **Page H1235**

Gary Miller of California amendment No. 12, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require a report from the Secretary of the Energy and Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency on the means of protecting the national security of the United States by increasing domestic oil production without harming the environment; **Pages H1235–36**

Bachus amendment No. 4, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to deny financial assistance from international financial institutions for oil exporting countries engaged in price fixing; **Page H1236**

Thurman amendment No. 20, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to create a tax credit for energy-efficient property used in business; and

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Baldacci amendment No. 5, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to create a tax credit for energy efficiency improvements to existing homes.

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H. Res. 445, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 64.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Science Foundation: Read a message wherein he transmitted the annual reports of the National Science Foundation for 1996–1997, and 1998—referred to the Committee on Science; and

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Read a message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for 1998—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:17 a.m. on March 23.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1175.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 97 was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1177–78, H1181–82, H1182–83, H1188–89, H1199, H1199–H1200, H1218, and H1246. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 p.m. and adjourned at 3:18 a.m. on Thursday, March, 23.

Committee Meetings

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Jill Long-Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development; Christopher A. McLean, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; James C. Kearney, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, held a hearing on Federal Judiciary and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from John G. Heyburn, Judge, U.S. District Court, Kentucky; Robert C. Broomfield, Judge, U.S. District Court, Arizona; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts; and Fern M. Smith, Judge, U.S. District Court, California, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, National Security Agency; Lt. Gen. James C. King, USA, Director, National Imagery and Mapping Agency; and Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and the following officials of the CIA: George J. Tenet, Director; and Joan A. Dempsey, Deputy Director, Community Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Presidio Trust and on Department of Energy—Energy Information Administration. Testimony was heard from James E. Meadows, Executive Director, Presidio Trust; and Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, held a hearing on Pension Agencies; Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Alexis Herman, Secretary; Katherine G. Abraham, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Alan D. Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; and David M. Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; .

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Aviation. Testimony was heard from Jim Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Election Commission: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman; and Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, held a hearing on the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo West, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal year 2001 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; and F. Whitten Peters, Secretary of the Air Force.

HOUSING FINANCE REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on improving the regulation of the housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Over-

sight; and Bruce A. Morrison, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; and H.R. 3907, External Regulation of the Department of Energy Act. Testimony was heard from Mary Anne Sullivan, General Counsel, Department of Energy; Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, NRC; Jerrold R. Mandel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; John T. Conway, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Gary Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; Charles V. Shank, Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4040, Long-Term Care Security Act; and H.R. 2842, Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1999.

HUD'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT RESULTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Results of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statements Audit". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; and Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: Coordination of Nonmedical Research and Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Carmen J. Spencer, Director, Chemical and Biological Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Department of Defense;

Page O. Stoutland, Director, Chemical and Biological Nonproliferation Program, Department of Energy; and the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Donald M. Kerr, Assistant Director, FBI Laboratory; and Robert Burnham, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism-Counter Terrorism Planning.

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2909, Intercountry Adoption Act of 1999.

REAFFIRMING U.S. POLICY TOWARD TAIWAN AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 292, congratulating President-elect Chen Shui-bian and Vice President-elect Annette Lu of Taiwan and reaffirming United States policy toward Taiwan and the People's Republic of China.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION'S FUTURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Future of the Export Administration Act-Part 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FREE MARKET ANTITRUST IMMUNITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 3138, Free Market Antitrust Immunity Reform (FAIR) Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Maritime Commission: Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman; and Delmond J.H. Won, Commissioner; John Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT BUREAUS WITHIN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 3918, to establish the Bureau of Immigration Services and the Bureau of Immigration Enforcement within the Department of Justice.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing three hours of general debate on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and

setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005, with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton and Representative Stark. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the resolution. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report as an original concurrent resolution for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except that, if an amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted, it is not in order to consider further substitutes. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate not to exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. Finally, the rule suspends the application of House Rule XXIII (relating to the establishment of the statutory limit on the public debt) with respect to the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Gekas, Spratt, Thompson, Markey, Holt, Stenholm, Tanner, Clyburn and Tierney.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS OF HOUSE COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization held a hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act and the Legislative Process of House Committees. Testimony was heard from Representative Horn; David Walker, Comptroller, GAO; Joshua Gotbaum, Executive Associate Director and Controller, Office of Financial Management, OMB; and a public witness.

EPA'S SLUDGE RULE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on EPA's Sludge Rule: Closed Minds or Open Debate. Testimony was heard from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

NASA'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Life and Microgravity Research. Testimony was heard from Arnauld Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications, NASA; Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials, and Pipeline Transportation, approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3171, amended, National Health Museum Site Selection Act; H.R. 3069, amended, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; H.R. 1359, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse."

PROGRAM DATA QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Program Data Quality. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Raymond DeCarli, Deputy Inspector General; and Peter Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and William C. Piatt, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the EPA: Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General; and Margaret N. Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Information.

ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

held a hearing on the Administration's proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Chief of Engineers.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 7, Education Savings and School Excellence Act of 1999.

Joint Meetings**VETERANS PROGRAMS**

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Raymond G. Boland, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs; George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Robert F. Norton, Retired Officers Association, and Zack Roberts, American Ex-Prisoners of War, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles L. Taylor, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

TURKMENISTAN DEMOCRATIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): On Tuesday, March 21, commission concluded hearings to examine Turkmenistan's prospects for democratization, fair elections, observance of human rights, and how the United States can promote Turkmenistan's observance of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe commitments, after receiving testimony from John Byerle, Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Independent States, and E. Wayne Merry, Atlantic Council of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; Avdy Kuliev, Turkmen opposition leader in exile, Moscow, Russia; Pyotr Iwaszkiewicz, formerly of the OSCE Office in Ashgabat, Warsaw, Poland; Firuz Kazemzadeh, International Commission of Religious Freedom, Alta Loma, California; and Cassandra Cavanaugh, Human Rights Watch, Helsinki, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on

proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's program in Haiti, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on S.1712, to provide authority to control exports, 9:45 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Seapower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps' seapower operational capability requirements, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on Surface Transportation Board's 15 month merger moratorium policy on railroad mergers, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of monuments and memorials in and around Washington, D.C., 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to resume hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules regarding changes in the total maximum daily load and NPDES permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine trade with the Peoples' Republic of China and its implications for United States national interests, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine India, Pakistan, and North Korea, focusing on non-proliferation policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup the proposed Technical Assistance, Trade Promotion and Anti-Corruption Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 1993, to reform Government information security by strengthening information security practices throughout the Federal Government; S. 1964, to designate the United States Post Office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the Joseph Iletto Post Office; H.R. 1374, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 State Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the "John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building"; and H.R. 3189, to designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the "Joseph Iletto Post Office", 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings on health

care for the uninsured, focusing on safety net providers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David M. Lawson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Avern Cohn, retired; and the nomination of Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, 3 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, to consider H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Drug Enforcement, 10 a.m., on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Army budget overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, on Army acquisitions, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Corrections and Related Activities, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Humanities, 10 a.m., on National Endowment for the Arts, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., on Executive Office of the President, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. policy towards Colombia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on International Financial Architecture, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Patient Access to Self-injectable Prescription Drugs in the Medicare Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act; H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999; and H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 21123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on “Missing White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 292, congratulating President-elect Chen Shui-bian and Vice President-elect Annette Lu of Taiwan and reaffirming United States policy toward Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China; and H.R. 3707, American Institute in Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act; followed by a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 9, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow an item veto of appropriation bills, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4034, United States and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 2100, Antitampering Act of 1999, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2810, Violent Offender DNA Identification Act; H.R. 3087, DNA Backlog Elimination Act; and H.R. 3375, Convicted Offender DNA Index System Support Act, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act; and H.R. 3919, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Partnership Act of 2000; followed by an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget recommendations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3327, Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1500, Americas’ Wilderness Protection Act; H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; H.R. 1864, Public Hearing Standardization Act of 1999; H.R. 2932, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area Act of 1999; H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the place-

ment within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; and H.R. 3605, San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Science and Technology Budget, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: H.R. 3069, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; H.R. 3171, National Health Museum Site Selection Act; H.R. 1359, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse”; reinstatement of selected reports required from Federal agencies; and other pending business, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on GSA’s Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Investment Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs obligation to assist veterans in filing claims for benefits, and H.R. 3193, Duty to Assist Veterans Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Child Protection Issues, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Work Incentives for Blind and Disabled Social Security Beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on National Security Agency Legal Authorities, 1 p.m., followed by, executive, hearing on Consolidated Cryptologic Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings on the impact of organized crime and corruption on democratic and economic reform, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches, and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 2251, Federal Crop Insurance Act Amendments, with a vote on Wellstone Amendment No. 2888; following which, Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 2559, House companion measure. Also, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative or executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 290, Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001 (Structured rule, three hours of debate).

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