

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Federal Crop Insurance Act Amendments bill.

The Chaplain Emeritus, Dr. James D. Ford, announced his resignation as Chaplain of the House of Representatives effective March 23, and the Speaker appointed Father Daniel Coughlin of Illinois to act as Chaplain of the House.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 290, Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1619–S1693

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2277–2292, S. Res. 277, and S. Con. Res. 98. **Page S1671**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1671**

Measures Passed:

Federal Crop Insurance Act Amendments: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and by 99 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate passed the bill, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2251, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1627–42**

Adopted:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 43), Wellstone Amendment No. 2888, to express the sense of Congress regarding the Rally for Rural America and the rural crisis. **Pages S1627–28**

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

was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Lugar, Helms, Cochran, Coverdell, Roberts, Harkin, Leahy, Conrad and Kerrey. **Page S1642**

Subsequently, S. 2251 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S1651**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Lugar/Harkin Modified Amendment No. 2887 (adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, March 22, 2000), was further modified. **Page S1628**

Flag Desecration—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Monday, March 27, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. Further, the Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., with votes on or in relation to the pending amendments to occur at 2:15 p.m. **Page S1651**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (Treaty Doc. No. 106–23)

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Page S1687**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Manuel Trinidad Pacheco, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Ella Wong-Rusinko, of Virginia, to be Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Beth Susan Slavet, of Massachusetts, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Gordon S. Heddell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

Steven S. Reed, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Julio F. Mercado, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement. **Page S1693**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—44) **Pages S1628, S1631**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:53 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 27, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1664.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HAITI

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to examine recent developments in Haiti and the Administration's efforts to address the challenges of promoting democracy, human rights, and economic recovery, after receiving testimony from Donald Steinberg, Special Haiti Coordinator, Department of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on

proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Internal Revenue Service, after receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the national security implications of export controls, and related provisions of S. 1712, Export Administration Act (pending on Senate Calendar), after receiving testimony from Donald Mancuso, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; Harold J. Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; John W. Douglass, Aerospace Industries Association, Washington, D.C.; and Gary L. Milhollin, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps; and Rear Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division, Maj. Gen. Dennis T. Krupp, USMC, Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, Rear Adm. Malcolm I. Fages, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division, and Rear Adm. John B. Nathman, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, all of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

RAIL MERGERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded oversight hearings on the Surface Transportation Board's moratorium on major rail mergers and 15-month rulemaking proceeding on future mergers, after receiving testimony from Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

D.C. AREA MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of monuments and memorials, and the new policies that have been adopted for determining locations for future commemorative works in and around Washington, D.C., after receiving testimony from John G. Parsons, Associate Regional Director for Lands, Resources and Planning, National Park Service, National Capital Region, Department of the Interior, and Chairman, National Capital Memorial Commission; J. Carter Brown, Chairman, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts; Margaret G. Vanderhye, Member, National Capital Planning Commission, and Chairman, Joint Task Force on Memorials; and Judy Scott Feldman and W. Kent Cooper, both of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, Washington, D.C.

WATER QUALITY REGULATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water resumed hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules regarding changes in the total maximum daily load and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act, receiving testimony from Senators Gordon Smith, Lincoln, and Hutchinson; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Robert J. Wittman, Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors, Montross, Virginia, on behalf of the Virginia and Maryland Associations of Municipal Wastewater Agencies and Rappahannock River Basin Commission; David Skolasinski, Cliffs Mining Services Company, Duluth, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Mining Association and Iron Mining Association of Minnesota; Nina Bell, Northwest Environmental Advocates, Portland, Oregon; W. Jeffrey Pardue, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute and Clean Water Industry Coalition; Norman E. LeBlanc, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies; Joan M. Cloonan, J. R. Simplot Company

Food Group, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the Northwest Food Processors Association; Thomas N. Thomson, Thomson Family Tree Farm, Orford, New Hampshire, on behalf of the American Tree Farm System; Sharon Buccino, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Robert J. Olszewski, Timber Company, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; and Dina J. Moore, Kneeland, California, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S./CHINA TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine trade with the Peoples' Republic of China and its implications for United States national security, economic, political, and religious interests, receiving testimony from James R. Lilley, former Ambassador to The People's Republic of China, and Richard Perle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy, both of the American Enterprise Institute, Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, James Sasser, former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, John J. Sweeney, AFL-CIO, and Harry Wu, Laogai Research Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Merle Goldman, Harvard University Fairbanks Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Nelson E. Graham, East Gates International, Sumner, Washington; and Michael A. Santoro, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Graduate School of Management, Newark.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the nonproliferation objectives of the United States, focusing on recent global and regional developments, including India, Pakistan, and North Korea, receiving testimony from Ronald F. Lehman and Fred C. Ikle, both former Directors, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Sumit Ganguly, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California.

Hearings will continue Tuesday, March 28.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill, to authorize appropriations for technical assistance for fiscal year 2001, to promote trade and anti-corruption measures.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1993, to reform Government information security by strengthening information security practices throughout the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1964 and H.R. 3189, bills to designate the United States Post Office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the Joseph Ileo Post Office; and

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”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Nicholas P. Godici, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce;

Also, Committee approved resolution of issuance of subpoenas to a former and current Department of Justice employee pursuant to Rule 26.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard C. Tallman, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, John Antoon II, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and Marianne O. Battani and David M. Lawson, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Tallman was introduced by Senators Gorton and

Murray, Mr. Antoon was introduced by Senator Graham, and Ms. Battani and Mr. Lawson were introduced by Senators Abraham and Levin.

HEALTH CARE FOR THE UNINSURED

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health concluded hearings to examine the access of essential health care services for the uninsured and medically underserved individuals, focusing on certain safety net programs to reduce the barriers and increase health insurance access to the uninsured, and the proposed Community Access to Health Care Act, after receiving testimony from Charles Earl Fox, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Thomas M. Dean, Horizon Health Care, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Rural Health Association; Bernard Simmons, Southwest Health Agency for Rural People, Tylertown, Mississippi, on behalf of the National Association of Community Health Centers; Mary Bufwack, United Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Robert L. Taube, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Health Care for the Homeless Council; and Larry S. Gage, National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 4067–4092; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 293 and H. Res. 447–449, were introduced. **Pages H1404–06**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1605, to designate the United States courthouse building located at 402 North Walnut Street and Prospect Avenue in Harrison, Arkansas, as the “Judge J. Smith Henley Federal Building”, amended (H. Rept. 106–536);

H.R. 938, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as

the “Ronald H. Brown Federal Building” (H. Rept. 106–537);

H.R. 1279, to designate the Federal building and United States post office located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the “Aaron E. Henry Federal Building and United States Post Office”, amended (H. Rept. 106–538);

H. Con. Res. 277, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 106–539);

H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the “E. Ross

Adair Federal Building and United States Court-house" (H. Rept. 106–540);

H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 106–541);

H. Con. Res. 279, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress (H. Rept. 106–542);

H. Con. Res. 280, authorizing the 2000 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 106–543);

H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (H. Rept. 106–544); and

H.R. 910, to authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers and in coordination with other Federal agency heads, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term solution to the problems of groundwater contamination, water supply, and reliability affecting the San Gabriel groundwater basin in California, amended (H. Rept. 106–545).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1287**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 22, by a ye and nay vote of 345 yeas to 58 nays, Roll No. 66.

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Personal Privilege: The Speaker rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized for one hour.

Pages H1326–27

Chaplain of the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Dr. James D. Ford, Chaplain Emeritus, of the House of Representatives wherein he announced his resignation as Chaplain of the House of Representatives, effective, Thursday, March 23, 2000. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed and then administered the oath of office to Father Daniel Coughlin of Illinois as Chaplain of the House.

Pages H1327–29

Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001: The House agreed to 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 by a ye and nay vote of 211 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 75.

Pages H1301–26, H1330–H1402

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of H. Rept. 106–535 made in order by the rule.

Pages H1335–H1401

Rejected the Owens amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to target investments for education and safety net programs for working class families by a recorded vote of 70 yeas to 348 noes, Roll No. 70;

Pages H1341–55

Rejected the DeFazio amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to reserve surpluses for debt reduction, a prescription drug benefit, education and social services programs, and specified tax credits by a recorded vote of 61 yeas to 351 noes, Roll No. 71;

Pages H1355–63

Rejected the Stenholm amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that sought to eliminate public debt by 2012, establish a medicare reserve fund for reform, prescription drug benefit, and provider relief, and allocate baseline funding for agriculture initiatives by a recorded vote of 171 yeas to 243 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 72;

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Rejected the Sununu amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide tax relief, medicare reform including prescription drug coverage, social security reform, and defense funding increase by a recorded vote of 78 yeas to 339 noes, Roll No. 73; and

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Rejected the Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to repay the public debt by 2013, provide targeted tax cuts to working families, and retain 100 percent of the social security surplus by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 74.

Pages H1386–H1400

Agreed to the Saxton motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 165 noes, Roll No. 69.

Pages H1325–30

Agreed to H. Res. 446, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution by a ye and nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 68. Earlier agreed to order the previous question and make a technical amendment to the rule by a ye and nay vote of 220 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 67.

Pages H1291–H1301

Late Report: The committee on Ways and Means received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 24 to file a report on H.R. 7. **Page H1402**

Meeting Hour Monday, March 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27. **Page H1402**

Meeting Hour Tuesday, March 28: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28 for morning-hour debates. **Page H1402**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of March 29.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1287.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1290–91, H1299–H1300, H1300–01, H1325–26, H1354–55, H1363, H1374, H1386, H1400, and H1401–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:21 a.m. on Friday, March 24.

Committee Meetings

FREEDOM TO E-FILE ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Drug Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Donnie Marshall, Administrator, DEA; James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Mary H. Murguia, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army budget overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense, Department of the Army: Louis Caldera, Secretary; and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army acquisitions. Testimony was heard from Paul J. Hoeper, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Department of the Army, Department of Defense.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Corrections and Related Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the government of the District of Columbia: John L. Clark, Corrections Trustee; John A. Carver, Trustee, Court Services and Of-

fender Supervision; and Cynthia Jones, Director, Public Defender Service.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Director, Security and Emergency Operations; and Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Gioconda, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs; and Rose Gottemoeller, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation, both with the National Nuclear Security Administration.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Humanities and on National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from William Ferris, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; and Bill Ivey, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment; Employment Standards Administration; Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and Mine Safety and Health Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Raymond L. Bramucci, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; Bernard Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration; Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, OSHA; and Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Office of National Drug Control Policy and on the Executive Office of the President. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Executive Office of the President: Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Michael Lyle, Director, Office of Administration.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Saul Ramirez, Jr., Deputy Secretary; Dave Gibbons, Budget Officer; Cardell Cooper, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development; Harold Lucas, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; Eva Plaza, Assistant Secretary, Fair Housing; William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing, FHA Commissioner; Hal DeCell, Assistant Secretary, Legislation; Susan Wachter, Assistant Secretary, Policy Development and Research; and Joe Smith, Assistant Secretary, Administration.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS COLOMBIA

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. policy towards Colombia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Brian Sheridan, Assistant Secretary (Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict); Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on International Financial Architecture. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PROGRAM—PATIENT ACCESS TO SELF-INJECTABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Patient Access to Self-injectable Prescription Drugs in the Medicare Program. Testimony was heard from Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3615, amended, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act; H.R. 3113, amended, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999; and H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999.

“MISSING WHITE HOUSE E-MAILS: MISMANAGEMENT OF SUBPOENAED RECORDS”

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “Missing White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records”. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Executive Office of the President: Daniel Barry, Computer Specialist, Office of Administration; and Mark Lindsay, Assistant to the President and Director of White House Management and Administration; Laura Crabtree, Chief Information Officer, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 292, amended, 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, amended, American Institute in Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act.

The Committee also held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs; and A. Elizabeth Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Alina Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ITEM VETO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 9, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow an item veto of appropriation bills. Testimony was heard from Representatives English and Baldacci; Louis Fisher, Senior Specialist in Separation of Powers, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 4034, United States and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 2100, amended, Antitampering Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gilman, Weiner, Kennedy of Rhode Island, and Bishop; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Dwight E. Adams, Deputy Assistant Director, Laboratory Division, FBI; and David G. Boyd, Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice; David Coffman, Crime Laboratory Analyst Supervisor, Investigation and Forensics Program Area, Department of Law Enforcement, Florida; Paul B. Ferrara, Director, Division of Forensic Science, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Florida; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act; and H.R. 3919, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Partnership Act of 2000.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget recommendations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

CABIN USER FEE FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 3327, Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Nethercutt; Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action 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, amended, Public Hearing Standardization Act of 1999; H.R. 2932, amended, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area Act of 1999; H.R. 3293, amended, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement 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, amended, San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Act.

EPA'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Science and Technology Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Norine Noonan, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development; and W. Randall Seeker, Chairman, Research Strategies Advisory Committee, Science Advisory Board; and David G. Wood, Associate Director, Environmental Protection Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3069, amended, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; H.R. 3171, amended, 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, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse"; and H.R. 4052, Transportation and Infrastructure Reports Restoration Act of 2000.

GSA'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Investment Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives English, Clement, Radanovich, Neal, Scott, Taylor of Mississippi, Reyes, Quinn, LaFalce and Skretny; Jane E. Roth, Chairwoman, Space of Facilities Committee, Judicial Conference, U.S. Court of Appeals; Harry T. Edwards, Chief Judge, U.S. Courts of Appeals; the following Chief Judges of the U.S. District Court: Terry J. Hatter, Jr., Edward B. Davis, and John E. Conway; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a 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. Testimony was heard from Joseph Thompson, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Senators DeWine and Rockefeller; Representative Pryce of Ohio; Kristine Ragaglia, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES—WORK INCENTIVES FOR BLIND AND DISABLED

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Work Incentives for Blind and Disabled Social Security Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from: Representative Ehrlich; Susan Daniels, Deputy Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Program, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold hearings on the National Security Agency Legal Authorities and on the Consolidated Cryptologic Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): Commission concluded hearings on the impact of organized crime and corruption on democratic and economic reform in southeast Europe and Central Asia, regional and international efforts to address this threat, and the effect it has on United States security, economic and political interests, after receiving testimony from Rob Boone, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; James K. Weber, Deputy Assistant Director, International Operations Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; John Tennant, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Adrian Karatnycky, Freedom House, New York, New York; and Nancy Lubin, JNA Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, 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 DOD policies and programs to combat terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine rising oil prices, Executive Branch policy, and U.S. security implications, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Key Differences Between Public-Private-Sector CIO'S", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 27 through April 1, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with votes on or in relation to the pending amendments to occur beginning at 2:15 p.m.

During the remainder of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: March 27, to hold hearings to examine income taxes, focusing on solutions to the Social Security and Medicare crisis, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Appropriations: March 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with mind body and alternative medicines, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's

Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 29, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 29, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 30, Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Treasury Law Enforcement Bureaus, 9 a.m., SD-192.

March 30, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 28, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the current state of deployment of hi-speed Internet technologies, focusing on rural areas, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with sports gambling, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 28, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, 3 p.m., SH-216.

March 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 29, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 882, to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change; and S. 1776, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to revise the energy policies of the United States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance global climate science, promote technology development, and increase citizen awareness, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 30, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's October 1999 announcement to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 31, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's findings at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, and plans for cleanup at the site, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 28, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air programs and the Army Corps of Engineers wetlands programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

March 30, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 2001 budget for programs with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 29, to resume hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 28, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iran and Iraq, focusing on the future of nonproliferation policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

March 28, Full Committee, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, 3 p.m., SH-216.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the need for nonproliferation policy innovations, 9:30 a.m., D-430.

March 30, Full Committee, meeting to discuss crucial issues before the United Nations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: March 28, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings to examine settlements between the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and certain Medicare providers and whether these settlements conform to HCFA regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings on how to structure government to meet the challenges of the millennium, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Alan Craig Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 28, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings on child safety on the Internet, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 29, to hold hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that

Band; S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments; and S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 29, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 28, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine cyber attacks, focusing on removing roadblocks to investigation and information sharing, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 29, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Dr. Peter Lee case, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

March 30, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 30, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine racial profiling within law enforcement agencies, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 29, to hold hearings to examine Presidential primaries and campaign finance, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

March 30, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business: March 28, to hold hearings to examine the extent of office supply scams, including toner-phoner schemes, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

To Be Announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 29, hearing to review federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on Forest Service Research, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Departmental Management Panel and Inspectors General Panel, 10 a.m., on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Labor Relations Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., and on National Archives, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 28, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Selective Service System, 9:30 a.m., on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10:30 a.m., and on National Credit Union Association, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on Bureau of the Census, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on the FCC and the SEC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Defense, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Park Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Railroad Retirement Board, and Institute of Museum and Library Services, 10 a.m., and on National Education Goals Panel, and Armed Forces Retirement Home, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA and the Administrative Office of the Courts, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 29, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on the EPA, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on NOAA, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on Department of Energy—Conservation Financial Management and Contracting, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA and National Council on Disability, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for National and Community Service, National Mediation Board, and U.S. Institute of Peace, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, March 29, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Competition in the New Electronic Market: Part 1, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3301, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing to receive the report of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2335, Hydroelectric Licensing Process Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 1262, to provide that existing facilities located on the Pentwater River in Michigan, are not required to be licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under part 1 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 422, to provide for Alaska state Jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects; S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the

jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; and S. 1937, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to join operating entities, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Health and Environment, joint hearing on the EPA's Proposed Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 27, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Agent Orange: Status of the Air Force's Ranch Hand Study, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on EEO Data and Complaint Processing Problems, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, March 29, to hold a hearing on the Federal Election Commission authorization, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, March 28, hearing on Munitions List Export Licensing Issues, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 28 and 30, to continue markup of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; and to mark up the following: H.R. 3767, Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act; H.R. 371, Hmong Veteran's Naturalization Act of 1999; H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999; H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000; and private relief bills, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 29, oversight hearing on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2964, Bounty Hunter Responsibility Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2753, Abandoned Mine Restoration Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Administration's Budget Request for NOAA/NMFS for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Conven-

tion on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 4021, Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove Park Expansion Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 29, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3160, Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; and H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2919, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act; and H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 30, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on California Central Valley Project (CVP) Operations and the CALFED Program, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, March 28, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Changing Face of Healthcare in the Electronic Age, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 28, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on Bridging the Technological Gap: Initiatives to Combat the Digital Divide, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Coast Guard icebreaking mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 30, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Preparedness Against Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 28, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2000 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 30, full Committee, hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, March 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches, and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 14, Flag Desecration Prohibition Constitutional Amendment.

House Chamber

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