

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2483–S2552*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2383–2402, S. Res. 285, and S. Con. Res. 103. **Pages S2526–27**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–260) **Page S2526**

**Gas Tax Repeal:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday. **Pages S2497–S2506**

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

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 80), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2506**

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendment proposed there-to: **Pages S2506–20**

Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2513–14**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3090 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, April 13, 2000. **Page S2514**

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

Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Berle M. Schiller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Robert S. Gawthrop, deceased.

Richard Barclay Surrick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Lowell A. Reed, Jr., retired.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—80) **Page S2506**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 12, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2517.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of

Christopher A. McLean, of Nebraska, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Hagel and Kerrey, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### MTBE AND RENEWABLE FUELS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relating to alleged pollution of drinking water supplies by Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE), the future of renewable fuels, and the Reformulated Gasoline Program, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Mark J. Mazur, Director, Office of Policy, Department of Energy; R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Advisory Committee of the Clean Fuels Foundation; Iowa Governor Thomas Vilsack, Des Moines, on behalf of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition; Trevor T. Guthmiller, American Coalition for Ethanol, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Nathan Kimpel, New Energy Corporation, South Bend, Indiana; Rus Miller, Arkenol, Inc., Mission Viejo, California; Jason S. Grumet, Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, Boston, Massachusetts; and David Morris, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DOE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, James Decker, Acting Director, Office of Science, William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, and Ivan Itkin, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, all of the Department of Energy.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN HEALTH ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for foreign health assistance, focusing on the President's Millennium Initiative to help combat infectious diseases, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; Adel Mahmoud, Merck and Co., Whitehouse Station, New Jersey; Gro Brundtland, General World Health Organization,

Geneva, Switzerland; William Foege, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, Washington; and Nils Daulaire, Global Health Council, Norwich, Vermont.

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DOE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Gregory Robert Dahlberg, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Dahlberg was introduced by Representative Murtha.

#### WTO CHINA ACCESSION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine China's accession into the World Trade Organization, focusing on granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), Scowcroft Group, former National Security Advisor, H. Richard Kahler, Caterpillar China, Inc., on behalf of the Business Roundtable, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, Lori Wallach, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, and Harry Wu, Laogai Research Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

#### ELECTRIC POWER

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held hearings on S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system, S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from

any supplier, S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, and S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Arthur W. Adelberg, Central Maine Power Group, Inc., on behalf of the Alliance for Competitive Electricity, and Stephen Ward, Maine Office of Public Advocate, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, both of Augusta; Bob Rowe, Montana Public Service Commission, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; David N. Cook, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey; and William Mayben, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council.

Hearings continue on Thursday, April 13.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Carey Cavanaugh, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts, Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### U.S. CHINA POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings on United States policy towards the People's Republic of China, focusing on granting Permanent

Normal Trade Status and human rights conditions, receiving testimony from Wei Jingsheng, Columbia University Center for the Study of Human Rights, New York, New York, on behalf of the Wei Jingsheng Foundation, Inc.; and Arthur Waldron, American Enterprise Institute, Greg Mastel, New America Foundation, and Robert A. Kapp, U.S.-China Business Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine early childhood programs for low-income families, focusing on federal and state funding and collaborative efforts and the effectiveness of federal preschool and child care programs, after receiving testimony from Marnie S. Shaul, Associate Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Elaine Zimmerman, Connecticut General Assembly Commission on Children, Hartford; and Douglas J. Besharov, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

#### FUNERAL AND BURIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues facing consumers when preplanning, arranging and conducting funeral and burial activities, focusing on educating consumers about funeral-related industries, exposing bad practices, exploring the extent of consumer satisfaction, and law enforcement activities, after receiving testimony from Eileen Harrington, Associate Director for Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; G. V. Ayers, California Department of Consumer Affairs Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, Sacramento; Jay U. Jacobson, Pella, Iowa, on behalf of the National Funeral Directors Association; and Paul M. Elvig, International Cemetery and Funeral Association, Reston, Virginia.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4227–4244; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 301–302, were introduced. **Pages H2121–22**

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

H.R. 4067, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 106–568);

H.R. 3417, to complete the orderly withdrawal of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 106–569);

H.R. 4021, to authorize a study to determine the best scientific method for the long-term protection of California's giant sequoia groves (H. Rept. 106-570);

H. Res. 468, providing for consideration of H.R. 2328, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program (H. Rept. 106-571);

H. Res. 469, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106-572);

H. Res. 470, providing for consideration of H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay (H. Rept. 106-573); and

H. Res. 471, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 94, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations (H. Rept. 106-574). **Page H2121**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Granger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2015**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. David Harmon of Harriman, Tennessee. **Page H2018**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Pages H2017-18**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Statistics on Abandoned Babies:** H. Res. 465, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that local, State, and Federal governments should collect and disseminate statistics on the number of newborn babies abandoned in public places; **Pages H2021-26**

**Project Exile—Safe Streets and Neighborhoods:** H.R. 4051, to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses (passed by a ye and nay vote of 358 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 115); **Pages H2026-36**

**Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act:** H.R. 3767, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such Act; **Pages H2036-40**

**Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2040-54**

**Establishing the FTAA Permanent Secretariat in Miami, Florida:** S. Con. Res. 71, expressing the

sense of Congress that Miami, Florida, and not a competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005; **Pages H2054-57**

**Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000:** H.R. 4163, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers (passed by a ye and nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 116); and **Pages H2057-69, H2079**

**Business Checking Modernization Act:** H.R. 4067, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, **Pages H2076-79**

**Suspension—Vote Postponed:** The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003. **Pages H2090-93**

**Suspension Failed—Clinton/Gore Administration Tax and User Fee Increases:** H. Res. 467, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the tax and user fee increases proposed by the Clinton/Gore administration in their fiscal year 2001 budget should be adopted (failed to agree to by a ye and nay vote of 1 ye and 420 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 117). **Pages H2069-76, H2079-80**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Agreed to the Rangel motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, to insist that the conference committee meet and report a substitute that includes enforcement of gun safety laws and safety measures that prevent felons, fugitives, and stalkers from obtaining firearms and children from getting access to guns by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2080-89**

**Democracy in Peru:** The House passed S.J. Res. 43, expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru. **Pages H2089-90**

**National Skill Standards Board:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, of Mr. William L. Lepley of Hershey, Pennsylvania to the National Skill Standards Board for a four-year term. **Pages H2093-94**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2035-36, H2079, H2080, and H2088-89. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on U.N. Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; and David Welch, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from J. Brady Anderson, Administrator, AID, Department of State.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Native American issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the U.S. Mint. Testimony was heard from John P. Mitchell, Acting Director, U.S. Mint, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### FINANCIAL CONTRACT HIRING, HEDGE FUND DISCLOSURE, AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES RECOMMENDATIONS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the recommendations of the President's

Working Group on Financial Markets concerning Financial Contract Netting, Hedge Fund Disclosure, and Over-the-Counter Derivatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Baker; Lewis A. Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on the status of deployment of broadband technologies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EDUCATION OPTIONS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Continued markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

### KOSOVO—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Recent Developments in Kosovo and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador James Pardew, Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation; and James Swigert, Deputy Special Advisor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with the Bureau of European Affairs; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—BANKRUPTCY CODE LIMIT ON REGULATORY POWERS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the limit on regulatory powers under the Bankruptcy Code. Testimony was heard from Ethan Posner, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Christopher J. Wright, General Counsel, FCC; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—INTEGRATION OF ECO-REGION ASSESSMENTS IN FOREST SERVICE PLANS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Integration of Eco-region Assessments in Forest Service Plans. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Chris Risbrudt, Director, Eco-

System Management Coordination, Forest Service, USDA.

#### TAXATION LIMITATION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.J. Res. 94, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations. The rule provides for one amendment printed in the Congressional Record if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sessions and Conyers.

#### MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on or before the legislative day of Friday, April 14, 2000. The rule provides that the object of any motion to suspend the rules will be announced from the floor at least one hour prior to its consideration. Finally, the rule provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the object of any suspension considered under this resolution.

#### CLEAN LAKES PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2328, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program. The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Sweeney and Borski.

#### CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3039, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Borski.

#### NASA'S BUDGET REQUEST—AERO-SPACE TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Aero-Space Technology Enterprise. Testimony was heard from Sam Venneri, Associate Administrator, Aero-Space Technology Enterprise, NASA; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—E-COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held an oversight hearing to examine the federal government's use of e-commerce to facilitate procurement in comparison to the private sector. Testimony was heard from Deidre Lee, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; the following officials of the SBA: Max E. Summers, State Director, Small Business Development Center, State of Missouri; and Major Clark, Assistant Advocate, Office of Advocacy; Scottie Knott, Director, JECPO, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 673, amended, Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act of 1999; H.R. 855, amended, Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act; H.R. 1106, amended, Alternative Water Sources Act of 1999; H.R. 1237, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program; H.R. 2957, amended, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Protection Act of 1999 and H.R. 3313, amended, Long Island Sound Restoration Act;

H.R. 1405, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building"; H.R. 1571, to designate the Federal building under construction at 600 State Street in New Haven, Connecticut, as the "Merrill S. Parks, Jr., Federal Building"; H.R. 1729, To designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall"; H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station".

The Committee also approved Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions and 11(b) Pubic Buildings Resolutions.

### EGYPT AIR CRASH ISSUES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Issues Arising out of the Egypt Air Crash, including Video Recorders in the Cockpit, English Proficiency Requirements for Foreign Pilots and Psychological Testing of Pilots. Testimony was heard from Representative Franks of New Jersey; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Thomas McSweeney, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### 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 Program. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Bernard Ungar, Director, Government Business Operational Issues, GAO.

### FUNDAMENTAL TAX REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on fundamental tax reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Peterson of Minnesota and Linder; Billy Hamilton, Deputy Comptroller of Public Accounts, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### SOCIAL SECURITY—EFFORTS TO INFORM PUBLIC

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on efforts to inform the public about Social Security. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller, Hoekstra, Pomeroy and Sununu; Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education

and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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 Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety and Hazardous Investigation Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

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

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on multi-state insurance agent licensing reforms and the creation of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on S. 2255, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings to examine federal actions affecting hydropower operations on the Columbia River system, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with the Russian presidential elections, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the status of infrastructure projects for Caspian Sea energy resources, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Wassenaar arrangement and the future of multilateral export control, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 2311, to revise and extend the Ryan White CARE Act programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, to improve access to health care and the quality of health care under such programs, and to provide for the development of increased capacity to provide health care and related support services to individuals and families with HIV disease; the proposed Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Act Amendments of 2000; the nomination of Mel Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation; the nomination of Edward B. Montgomery, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor; the nomination of Marc Racicot, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community

Service; the nomination of Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service; the nomination of Scott O. Wright, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring December 10, 2003; and the nomination of Nathan O. Hatch, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the term expiring January 26, 2006, 11 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings on the report of the Academy for Public Administration on Bureau of Indian Affairs management reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to resume oversight hearings on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to resume hearings on campaign finance reform proposals, focusing on compelled political speech, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing on Review of federal farm policy, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Report of Overseas Presence Advisory Panel, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2764, America's Private Investment Companies Act; and H.R. 2848, New Markets Initiative Act of 1999, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 623, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to eliminate certain regulation of plumbing supplies; 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; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; 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 a measure concerning the authority of the Secretary of Energy under the Price-Anderson Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* to continue mark up of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4055, IDEA Full Funding Act of 2000; and H.R. 3629,

to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "The Failure of the FEHBP Demonstration Project: Another Broken Promise?", 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the Emerging Drug Threat from Haiti, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Legislative Hearing to Establish the Commission for the Comprehensive Study of Privacy Protection", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "Reinventing Paperwork?: The Clinton-Gore Administration's Record on Paperwork Reduction", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on United States-European Union Relations: The View from the European Parliament, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 449, congratulating the people of Senegal on the success of the multi-party electoral process; and H.R. 3879, Sierra Leone Peace Support Act, 3 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, joint hearing on Democracy in the Central Asian Republics, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H.Con.Res. 295, relating to continuing human rights violations and political oppression in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam 25 years after the fall of South Vietnam to Communist forces, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* oversight hearing on the Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: the Bureau of Competition of the FTC and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 4227, Technology Worker Temporary Relief Act, 1 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* oversight hearing on Compromising our National Security by Restricting Domestic Exploration and Development of our Oil and Gas Resources, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the following: H.R. 4199, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act; and H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000, 3 p.m., H-313 capitol.

*Committee on Science,* hearing on NASA's Mars Program After the Young Report, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Fire Grants: H.R. 1168, Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE)

Act; and H.R. 3155, Firefighter's Local-Federal Assistance for Management of Emergencies Act; and the Administration's Proposal for Assistance to Firemen, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on H.R. 3670, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Great Lakes program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on status of recruitment, retention and compensa-

tion of the VA health care workforce including nurses, physicians and dentists, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to continue hearings on fundamental tax reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, hearing on NSA Legal Authorities, 12 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine reform of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, 9:30 a.m., 311, Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 12

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches, and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate may continue consideration of H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.J. Res. 94, Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment (modified closed rule, two hours of debate);  
 Consideration of H.R. 2328, Clean Lakes Program (open rule, one hour of debate);  
 Consideration of H.R. 3039, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act (open rule, one hour of debate).

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