

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Congressional Budget Conference Report.

The House agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001.

The House passed H.R. 4199, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act.

The House passed H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act.

The House passed H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2647–S2815

Measures Introduced: Thirty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2416–2454, S.J. Res. 45, S. Res. 291–293, and S. Con. Res. 104–107. **Pages S2727–29**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–271)

S. 1946, to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the “John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act”, to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, to extend the programs under that Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–272)

S. 311, to authorize the Disabled Veterans’ LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–273)

S. 1452, to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–274)

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 Courthouse”.

S. Res. 287, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. policy toward Libya.

S. Res. 289, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba.

S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals.

S. 2366, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act.

S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the “Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse”.

S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People’s Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire, and with an amended preamble. **Page S2426**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 303, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page S2674**

National Materials Corridor Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of

Energy to establish a multiagency program to alleviate the problems caused by rapid economic development along the United States-Mexico border, particularly those associated with public health and environmental security, to support the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative, and to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along that border through the development and use of new technology, particularly hazardous waste and materials technology, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act: Senate passed S. 503, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the “Spanish Peaks Wilderness”, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Hawaii Water Resources Reclamation Act: Senate passed S. 1694, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act: Senate passed S. 1167, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Education Land Grant Act: Senate passed H.R. 150, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National Forest System lands for use for educational purposes, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Historic Preservation Fund: Senate passed H.R. 834, to extend the authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Elko County, Nevada Cemetery: Senate passed H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery, clearing the measure for the President.

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Irrigation Litigation and Restoration Partnership Act: Senate passed H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to plan, design, and construct facilities to mitigate impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the Pacific Ocean drainage of the States of Oregon, Wash-

ington, Montana, and Idaho, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Bikini Resettlement and Relocation Act: Senate passed H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, clearing the measure for the President.

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Utah Land Exchange: Senate passed H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange, clearing the measure for the President.

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Utah Land Acquisition: Senate passed H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nevada Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 408, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center.

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Surface and Mineral Estates Patent: Senate passed S. 1218, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Oregon Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Alaska Land Restoration: Senate passed H.R. 3090, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to restore certain lands to the Elim Native Corporation, clearing the measure for the President.

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Alaska Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1797, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Valles Caldera Preservation Act: Senate passed S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act: Senate passed S. 1705, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho. **Page S2807**

Palace of the Governors Expansion Act: Senate passed S. 1727, to authorize funding for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2807–10**

Sessions (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3099, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2808**

Alabama Hydroelectric Project: Senate passed S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama. **Page S2810**

White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act: Senate passed S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2810–11**

Women's Rights National Historical Park: Senate passed S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Page S2811**

Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2811**

Federal Leases for Sodium: Senate passed H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2811**

Land Exchange: Senate passed S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2811**

NRC Fairness in Funding Act: Senate passed S. 1627, to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2005,

after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2811–13**

Sessions (for Smith of N.H.) Amendment No. 3100, to amend the provision extending the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect annual charges and modifying the formula for the charges. **Pages S2812–13**

Sessions (for Smith of N.H.) Amendment No. 3101, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide the Nuclear Regulatory Commission authority over former licensees for funding of decommissionings. **Pages S2812–13**

Korean War 50th Anniversary: Senate passed H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2814**

Library of Congress Commendation: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 269, commending the Library of Congress and its staff for 200 years of outstanding service to the Congress and the Nation and encouraging the American public to participate in bicentennial activities. **Page S2815**

Congressional Budget Resolution Conference Report: By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005. **Pages S2674–96**

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2673–74, S2699**

Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2673**

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

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 82), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Amendment No. 3090 (listed above). **Page S2673**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 83), 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 S2674**

A motion was entered to close further debate on H.R. 6 (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 Tuesday, April 25, 2000. **Page S2699**

Victims Rights: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. **Page S2696**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (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 Tuesday, April 25, 2000. **Page S2696**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S2696**

Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1753, to provide the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2805-07**

Continued Reporting of Intercepted Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1769, to continue reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2813-14**

C.B. King U.S. Courthouse: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Avenue in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2814-15**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, April 20, 2000, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. **Page S2815**

Appointments:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Ticket

to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Larry D. Henderson, of Delaware, for a term of two years, and Stephanie Smith Lee, of Virginia, for a term of four years. **Page S2815**

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Dr. Richard V. Burkhauser, of New York, for a term of two years, and Ms. Christine M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, for a term of four years. **Page S2815**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Phil Boyer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years. (New Position)

Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research.

James Donald Walsh, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

James L. Whigham, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years vice Joseph George DiLeonardi, resigned.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general. **Page S2815**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—85) **Pages S2673-74, S2696**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:32 a.m., and according to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 303, adjourned at 8:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 25, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2815.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Foreign Operations, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

NATIONAL READING PANEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the National Reading Panel report, focusing on scientific research-based reading instruction and its readiness for application in the classroom, after receiving testimony from Duane F. Alexander, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary of Education for Educational Research and Improvement; and Donald N. Langenberg, University System of Maryland, Adelphi, on behalf of the National Reading Panel.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings to examine certain Internal Revenue Service reform issues, focusing on paperless filing and the return-free tax filing system as it relates to the Internal Revenue Service's mandate under the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, after receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Leonard E. Burman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Treasury, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

DOD ANTHRAX VACCINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine issues relating to the implementation of the Department of Defense anthrax vaccine immunization program, receiving testimony from Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director of Intelligence, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rudy de Leon, Deputy Secretary, David R. Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, USMC, Special Advisor to the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, all of the Department of Defense; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA, Surgeon General of the Army; and Carol R. Schuster, Associate Director, National Security Preparedness Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SECURITIES MARKETS STRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the evolution of the equity markets and the appropriate role of policymakers in this period of rapid change, focusing on implications of technology changes and the role of policymakers, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1755, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate interstate commerce in the use of mobile telephones, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2340, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes, with amendments;

S. 1089, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1482, to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, with an amendment;

S. 1911, to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1651, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country, with amendments;

S. 2327, to establish a Commission on Ocean Policy;

S. 1407, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1639, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for the National Weather Service and Related Agencies, and for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1912, to facilitate the growth of electronic commerce and enable the electronic commerce market to continue its current growth rate and realize its full potential, to signal strong support of the electronic commerce market by promoting its use within Federal government agencies and small and medium-sized businesses;

S. 2046, to reauthorize the Next Generation Internet Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 442, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LOOKING GLASS;

S. 1261, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel YANKEE;

S. 1613, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VICTORY OF BURNHAM;

S. 1614, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LUCKY DOG;

S. 1615, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel ENTERPRIZE;

S. 1779, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel M/V SANDPIPER;

S. 1853, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel FRITHA; and

The nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan

Washington Airports Authority, Carol Jones Carmody, of Louisiana, and John Goglia, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Vice Adm. Thomas H. Collins, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Vice Commandant, with the Grade of Vice Admiral, Rear Adm. Ernest R. Riutta, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Commander, Pacific Area, with the Grade of Vice Admiral, and certain promotion lists in the United States Coast Guard.

NATURAL DISASTER PROTECTION AND INSURANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; David L. Keating, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia; Franklin W. Nutter, Reinsurance Association of America, Washington, DC; Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Arlington, Virginia; Jack F. Weber, Home Insurance Federation of America, Potomac Halls, Virginia; Charles T. Brown, Baker, Wellman, Brown Insurance and Financial Services, Kennett, Missouri, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America; and Scott A. Gilliam, Cincinnati Insurance Companies, Fairfield, Ohio.

ELECTRIC POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed 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 market, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, 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 Senator Jeffords; Representative Barton; New Hampshire State Senator Clifton Below, Concord, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Benjamin Montoya, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Albuquerque, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Joseph E. Ronan, Jr., Calpine Corporation, San Jose, California, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; Ron Moeller, Cargill Corporation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the Electricity Consumers Resource Council; Gary Zimmerman, Michigan Municipal Electric Association and Michigan Public Power Agency, Lansing, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, DC; and Alan J. Noguee, Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings will resume on Thursday, April 27.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters;

S. 2370, to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse";

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 Courthouse";

S. 2297, to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; and

The nomination of Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Convention On Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption, Adopted and Opened for Signature at the Conclusion of the Seventeenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law on May 29, 1993, with 6 declarations. (Treaty Doc. 105-51)

S. 682, to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 271, regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, with amendments;

S. Res. 272, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively engaged in southeastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition and fully implement the Stability Pact, with amendments;

S. Res. 287, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. policy toward Libya;

S. Res. 289, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba;

S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire;

S. Con. Res. 98, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction;

H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the site selection and construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan, with amendments; and

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, Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, Donald Arthur Mahley, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Chemical and Biological Arms Control Issues, Gregory G. Govan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief U.S. Delegate to the Joint Consultative Group, Gary A. Barron, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, all of the Department of State, and certain Foreign Service Officer promotion lists.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2058, to extend filing deadlines for applications for adjustment of status of certain Cuban, Nicaraguan, and Haitian nationals; and

S. 2367, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act.

Also, Committee approved a resolution of issuance of subpoenas regarding the appointment of an Independent Counsel pursuant to Rule 26.

MOTHER TERESA RELIGIOUS WORKERS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings on S. 2406, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers, after receiving testimony from Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the United States Catholic Conference Committee on Migration; Rabbi Steven Weil, Oak Park, Michigan, on behalf of the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and Rabbinical Council of

America and the Orthodox Union; and Ralph W. Hardy, Jr., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Washington, DC.

PENSION ASSETS PROTECTION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with protecting pension assets in personal bankruptcy, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and on certain provisions of H.R. 833, to amend title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy Reform), after receiving testimony from Leslie B. Kramerich, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Bruce A. Markell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law; Virginia Tierney, American Association for Retired Persons, and James S. Ray, Connerton and Ray, on behalf of the AFL-CIO, both of Washington, DC; Scott J. Macey, Actuarial Sciences Associates, on behalf of the ERISA Industry Committee; and Ned Burmeister, Trustar Retirement Services, Wilmington, Delaware;

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 81 public bills, H.R. 4265–4345; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 307–312 and H. Res. 477–481, were introduced. **Pages H2336–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex-trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, amended (H. Rept. 106–487, Pt. 2);

H.R. 3646, a private bill, for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees (H. Rept. 106–580);

H.R. 3363, a private bill, for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated (H. Rept. 106–581).

H. Res. 443, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the centennial of the raising of the United States flag in American Samoa, amended (H. Rept. 106–582);

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. Rept. 106–583);

H.R. 2932, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area, amended (H. Rept. 106–584);

H.R. 3293, 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, amended (H. Rept. 106–585);

H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station" (H. Rept. 106–586);

H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall" (H. Rept. 106–587);

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. Rept. 106–588); and

H.R. 1405, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building" (H. Rept. 106–589).

H.R. 317, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of land in the District of

Columbia to be used for construction of the National Health Museum, amended (H. Rept. 106–590); and

H.R. 3069, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for redevelopment of the Southeast Federal Center in the District of Columbia, amended (H. Rept. 106–591). **Page H2336**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Jacob J. Schachter of New York, New York. **Page H2241**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, April 12 by a ye and nay vote of 365 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 123. **Pages H2241–42**

Congressional Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2001: The House agreed to the conference report on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 by a ye and nay vote of 220 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 125. **Pages H2249–58**

H. Res. 474, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 124. **Pages H2242–49**

Committee on Rules Resolutions: Agreed that the following resolutions be laid on the table: H. Res. 356, H. Res. 375, H. Res. 382, and H. Res. 383. **Page H2259**

Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act: The House passed H.R. 4199, to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by a ye and nay vote of 229 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 127. **Pages H2267–82**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 4230, Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act, was considered as adopted. **Page H2268**

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that requires comprehensive reform of the tax code by July 4, 2004 by a ye and nay vote of 191 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 126. **Pages H2277–82**

H. Res. 473, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H2259–67**

Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act: The House passed H.R. 3615, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such

service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006 by a ye and nay vote of 375 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 128. **Pages H2283–H2302**

Pursuant to the order of the House, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Commerce now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute sent to the desk by the Chairman Dreier, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, was considered as adopted. Subsequently, during general debate, the House agreed to the Goodlatte unanimous consent request that the amendment in the nature of a substitute considered as adopted under the previous order of the House be the amendment in the nature of a substitute that Representative Goodlatte had placed at the desk. **Pages H2283, H2292**

The bill was considered pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent order of the House and H. Res. 475, a rule to provide for consideration of the bill was laid on the table. **Page H2258**

Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act: The House passed H.R. 3439, to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from establishing rules authorizing the operation of new, low power FM radio stations by a recorded vote of 274 yeas to 110 noes, Roll No. 130. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H2302–18**

Agreed to the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H2317**

Rejected the Barrett of Wisconsin amendment that sought to allow the Federal Communications Commission to modify the rules to eliminate or reduce the minimum distance separations for third-adjacent channels six months after the Commission submits a study to Congress that examines whether low-power FM radio stations result in harmful interference to existing stations (rejected by a recorded vote of 142 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 129). **Pages H2311–17**

The bill was considered pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent order of the House; and H. Res. 472, a rule to provide for consideration of the bill was laid on the table. **Pages H2258–59**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, May 2, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H2318**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 3, 2000. **Page H2318**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representatives Wolf or if not available Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through May 2. **Page H2319**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2242, H2283, and H2319.

Referrals: S.J. Res. 40, S.J. Res. 41, and S.J. Res. 42 were referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H2334**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2241–42, H2248–49, H2258, H2281–82, H2282, H2301–02, H2317, and H2318. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H.Con.Res. 303, the House adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, for morning-hour debate.

Committee Meetings

HASS AVOCADO PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION ACT; ANIMAL WELFARE ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2962, Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Act; and H.R. 1275, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the interstate movement of live birds for the purpose of having the birds participate in animal fighting.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2962. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the SSA and the U.S. Institute of Peace. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; and Chester A. Crocker, Chairman, U.S. Institute of Peace.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services, Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine approved recommendations to the committee on H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved recommendations to the committee on H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

NTSB RAPIDRAFT PAYMENT SYSTEM ABUSE

Committee on the Budget: Housing and Infrastructure Task Force held a hearing on Abuse of the NTSB Rapidraft Payment System. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

U.S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION PRIVATIZATION—IMPACT ON DOMESTIC URANIUM INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review U.S. Enrichment Corporation privatization and its impact on the domestic uranium industry. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Carl Paperiello, Deputy Executive Director, Materials, Research, and State Programs, NRC; and public witnesses.

RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING FREEDOM ACT; NONCOMMERCIAL BROADCASTING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3525, Religious Broadcasting Freedom Act; and H.R. 4201, Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following Commissioners of the FCC: Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth; and Gloria Tristani; and public witnesses.

EDUCATION OPTIONS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4022, Russian Anti-Ship Missile Nonproliferation Act; and H.R. 3680, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to the adjustment of composite theoretical performance levels of high performance computers.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 464, expressing the sense of Congress on international recognition of Israel's Magen David Adom Society and its symbol the Red Shield of David; H. Res. 449, congratulating the people of Senegal on the success of the multi-party electoral process; H.R. 4251, Congressional Oversight of Nuclear Transfers to North Korea Act; H. Con. Res. 304, Expressing the condemnation of the continued egregious violations of human rights in the Republic of Belarus, the lack of progress toward the establishment of democracy and the rule of law in Belarus, calling on President Alyaksandr Lukashenka's regime to engage in negotiations with the representatives of the opposition and to restore the constitutional rights of the Belarusian people, and calling on the Russian Federation to respect the sovereignty of Belarus; H.R. 3879, amended, Sierra Leone Peace Support Act; and H. Con. Res. 295, amended, 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.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN CUBA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Children's Rights in Cuba. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 3485, Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GUAM MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 755, Guam War Restitution Act; and H.R. 2462, Guam Omnibus Opportunities Act. Testimony was heard from Lisa Guide, Deputy As-

sistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of the Interior; former Delegate Ben Blaz of Guam; and a public witness.

SHARK FINNING PROHIBITION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3535, Shark Finning Prohibition Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Cunningham; Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; 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. 2773, amended, Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 2950, amended, Oregon Land Exchange Act of 1999; H.R. 2778, amended, Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 1999; H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretive center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln; 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; and H.R. 3676, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000.

WIRELESS INTERNET TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Wireless Internet Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OSHA'S PROPOSED ERGONOMICS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hearing on OSHA's Proposed Ergonomics Standard and its Impact on Small Business. Testimony was heard from Charles N. Jeffress, Administrator, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on VA adjudication of Hepatitis C claims, and the following bills: H.R. 1020, Veterans' Hepatitis C Benefits Act; H.R. 3816, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that a stroke or heart attack that is incurred or aggravated by a member of a reserve component in the performance of duty while performing inactive duty training shall be considered to be service-connected for purposes of benefits under laws administered by

the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3998, Veterans' Special Monthly Compensation Gender Equity Act; and H.R. 4131, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stupak and Snyder; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Gary Roselle, M.D., Program Director, Infectious Diseases, Medical Center, Cincinnati; Nora Egan, Deputy Under Secretary, Management; and John McCourt, Deputy Director, Compensation and Pension Service; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

FUNDAMENTAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Concluded hearings on fundamental tax reform. Testimony was heard from Representative Portman; and public witnesses.

MANAGING INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY PERSONNEL RESOURCES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Building Capabilities: The Challenges of Managing Intelligence Community Personnel Resources. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

2001 BUDGET

Conferees on Wednesday, April 12, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2000 Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Government Reform, April 20, hearing on "White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records—Day 3", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of April 17 through April 22, 2000

Senate Chamber

Senate will not be in session.

Senate Committees

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Chamber

House will not be in session.

House Committees

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 3, Victim's Rights.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3, Victim's Rights. If cloture is not invoked, Senate will then vote on the motion to close further debate on H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty.

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

House Chamber

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