

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4475, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations 2001

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 22, 2000, at 11 a.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERFEIT IDENTIFICATION ON THE INTERNET

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded oversight

hearings to examine the use of the Internet to manufacture and market counterfeit identification documents and credentials, after receiving testimony from K. Lee Blalack II, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; Brian L. Stafford, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; David C. Myers, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Tallahassee; and Thomas W. Seitz, an incarcerated witness.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4499–4511; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 329–330 and H. Res. 507, were introduced. **Pages H3473–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4268, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts of educational assistance for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill and to enhance programs providing educational benefits under that title, amended (H. Rept. 106–628).

H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama (H. Rept. 106–629); and

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, amended (H. Rept. 106–630).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bar-

rett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3415**

Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 395 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 210. **Pages H3417–55**

Agreed to:

Cox amendment that prohibits any funding for the California State Route 710 freeway extension project through south Pasadena, California;

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Andrews amendment, as modified, that reduces funding for the Amtrak Reform Council by \$530,000; and **Pages H3442–43**

Vitter amendment that prohibits any funding for engineering work related to an additional runway at New Orleans International Airport (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 209). **Pages H3444–48, H3454**

Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to strike language that prohibits funding of a light rail system in Houston, Texas; **Pages H3437–42**

Linder amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding to require a State or local government to alter its zoning or land use plan for the purposes of a national ambient air quality conformity determination; **Pages H3443–44**

Weiner amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding for a terminal doppler weather radar at the Floyd Bennett Field within the Gateway National Recreation Area in King's County, New York; **Pages H3448–49**

Manzullo amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require the FAA pay air traffic controllers the differential between the salary earned after leaving an interim incentive pay facility and returning to other air traffic controller employment; and **Pages H3449–50**

Bilbray amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding for diesel buses except for those with emission levels comparable to those powered by low-polluting fuels. **Pages H3451–53**

Points of order sustained against:

The following points of order raised by Representative Shuster were sustained:

Page 14, lines 3 through 8; **Page H3434**

Page 20, line 18; **Page H3434**

Page 26, line 15; **Page H3434**

Page 27, lines 15–16; **Page H3434**

Page 33, line 24; **Pages H3434–35**

Page 36, lines 15 through 20; **Page H3435**

Section 333, page 51; and **Pages H3436–37**

Section 334, pages 51 and 52. **Page H3437**

Point of order was sustained against the Inslee amendment that sought to require the hydrostatic testing of the entire pipeline running from Allen, Washington to Renton, Washington at 125 maximum operational pressure. **Pages H3450–51**

H. Res. 505, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–626 was considered as adopted. **Pages H3416–17**

Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2001: The House completed general debate on H.R. 4392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Disability System. Further consideration will resume at a later date. **Pages H3457–63**

The House agreed to H. Res. 506, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H3456–57**

Meeting Hour—Monday, May 22: Agreed that when the house adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 22 for morning-hour debates. **Page H3463**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of May 24. **Page H3463**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on pages H3415–16.

Referral: S. 1509 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H3472**

Amendments: Amendment printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H3475.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3454 and H3454–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation—Still More Questions than Answers. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION—HAGUE CONVENTION COMPLIANCE

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 293, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 22 through May 27, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate expects to consider certain judicial nominations.

During the remainder of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 23, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the consolidation of HUD's homeless assistance programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 25, to hold hearings to examine a Federal Trade Commission survey of Internet privacy policies, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 740, to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the hydroelectric licensing process by granting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission statutory authority to better coordinate participation by other agencies and entities, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 24, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 2163, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington; S. 2396, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2248, to assist in the development and implementation of projects to provide for the control of drainage water, storm water, flood water, and other water as part of water-related integrated resource management, environmental infrastructure, and resource protection and development projects in the Colusa Basin Watershed, California; S. 2410, to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and S. 2425, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Bend Feed Canal Pipeline Project, Oregon, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the outlook for America's natural gas demand, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 25, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the potential ban on snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the recent decision by the Department of the Interior to prohibit snowmobile activities in other units of the National Park System, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 23, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Water Resources Development Act proposal, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and

Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 2123, to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; and S. 2181, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to provide full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide dedicated funding for other conservation programs, including coastal stewardship, wildlife habitat protection, State and local park and open space preservation, historic preservation, forestry conservation programs, and youth conservation corps; and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 23, to hold hearings on the Meltzer Commission, focusing on the future of the International Monetary Fund and world, 3 p.m., SD-419.

May 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Marc Grossman, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 25, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the issuance of semipostal stamps by the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine export control implementation issues with respect to high performance computers, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 25, Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine gene therapy issues, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 24, to hold hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 24, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings to examine the 1996 campaign finance investigations, 9 a.m., SD-226.

May 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business: May 23, to hold hearings on Internal Revenue Service restructuring, focusing on small businesses, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 23, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 3:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 24, full Committee, to mark up the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 9:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, May 23, Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, hearing on terrorist threats to the United States, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 24, hearing on Predatory Lending Practices, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Nigeria in Transition, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, May 24, Education Task Force, hearing on "Education Department Fails Accounting 101: The Department of Education's Unreliable Financial Records," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

May 24, Natural Resources and the Environment Task Force, hearing on "Management Failures at the National Parks, Oversight Weaknesses with Concession Contracts," 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

May 25, Housing and Infrastructure Task Force, hearing on "Lack of Income Verification in HUD Assisted Housing", the Need to Eliminate Overpayments, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, May 23, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled: "PNTR: Opening the World's Biggest Potential Market to American Financial Services Competition," 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "Whistleblowers at Department of Energy Facilities: Is There Really 'Zero Tolerance' for Contractor Retaliation?" 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 23, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Obscene Material Available via the Internet, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on National Energy Policy: Ensuring Adequate Supply of Natural Gas and Crude Oil, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "Enforcing the Laws on Internet Pharmaceutical Sales: Where are the Feds?" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on the deployment of broadband technologies, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 23, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 3462, Wealth Through The Workplace Act of 2000, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 25, full Committee, to mark up the following: the Higher Education Technical Amendments of 2000; and H.R. 4079, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 24, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "DoD Chemical and Biological De-

fense Program: Management and Oversight," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 25, hearing on the "Department of Justice and the Campaign Finance Investigation," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 26, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on "Drugs in the Mail: How Can It Be Stopped?" 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 24, hearing on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: First Annual Report, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 23, hearing on H.R. 2121, Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 24, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2987, Methamphetamine Anti-Proliferation Act of 1999; H.R. 3048, Presidential Threat Protection Act of 1999; H.R. 4108, Secure Our Schools Act; H.R. 4391, Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act; H.R. 3489, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act; and S. 1515, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "The United States Copyright Office and Sound Recordings as Work for Hire," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on "Breaches of Security at Federal Agencies and Airports," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on "The Status of Regulations Implementing the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998," 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 23, oversight hearing on Funding of Environmental Initiatives and their Influence on Federal Public Lands Policies, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 23, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3033, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of Biscayne National Park in the State of Florida, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 4389, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; followed by a markup of the following bills: H.R. 1113, Colusa Basin Watershed Integrated Resources Management Act; and S. 986, Griffith Project Prepayment and Conveyance Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 24, full committee, to consider the following bills: S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; S. 1629, Oregon Exchange Act of 2000; H.R. 1775, Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act of 1999; 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; H.R. 3023, to authorize the

Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry; H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; 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; H.R. 3291, Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act; H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; H.R. 3468, Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act; H.R. 3535, Shark Finning Prohibition Act; H.R. 3999, Virgin Islands and Guam Constitutional Self-Government Act of 2000; H.R. 4070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to correct a map relating to the coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P31, located near the city of Mexico Beach, Florida; H.R. 4132, to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; and H.R. 4435, to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NCO1 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 25, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development of the Committee on Armed Services, joint oversight hearing on the Ocean Research Advisory Panel report, An Integrated Ocean Observing System: A Strategy for Implementing the First Steps of a U.S. Plan, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 25, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Snowmobile Recreation in National Parks, particularly Yellowstone National Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 22, to consider the conference report to accompany S. 761, Millennium Digital Commerce Act, 6:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

May 23, to consider the following: H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China; and H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 23, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Technology Transfer Challenges and Partnerships: A Review of the Department of Commerce's Biennial Report on Technology Transfer, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 24, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on U.S. Bilateral Space Launch Trade Agreements, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 24, hearing on "Online Music: Will Small Music Labels and Entrepreneurs Prosper in the Internet Age?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 24, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Disposal of Obsolete Maritime Administration Vessels, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 25, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Future of the Small Community Essential Air Service Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense joint pharmacy procurement, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 25, to mark up H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 25, executive, briefing on Global Developments, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: May 23, to hold hearings to examine human rights abuses in Russia, 10:30 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, May 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business during which two Senators will be recognized for speeches. Also, Senate expects to consider certain judicial nominations.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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