

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2269–S2321

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 527–537, and S. Res. 60. **Pages S2305–06**

Measures Reported:

S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–3) **Page S2305**

Bankruptcy Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2273–97, S2299–S2300**

Adopted:

Carnahan Amendment No. 40, to ensure additional expenses associated with home energy costs are included in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Pages S2273, S2274**

Rejected:

Wyden Amendment No. 78, to provide for the nondischargeability of debts arising from the exchange of electric energy. (By 67 yeas to 30 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 26), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2273–76**

Smith (OR)/Wyden Amendment No. 95 (to Amendment No. 78), of a perfecting nature. (Amendment No. 95 fell when Amendment No. 78 (listed above) was tabled.) **Pages S2273, S2275**

Reid (for Durbin) Amendment No. 93, in the nature of a substitute. (By 64 yeas to 35 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 27), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2273, S2288–91, S2293–95**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 36, to disallow certain claims and prohibit coercive debt collection practices. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 28), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2273, S2279–84, S2291–93, S2295–96**

Withdrawn:

Wellstone Amendment No. 37, to provide that imports of semifinished steel slabs shall be consid-

ered to be articles like or directly competitive with taconite pellets for purposes of determining the eligibility of certain workers for trade adjustment assistance under the Trade Act of 1974. **Pages S2273, S2284–85**

Hatch Amendment No. 96 (to Amendment No. 93), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2288–90**

Pending:

Leahy Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Pages S2273, S2299**

Wellstone Amendment No. 35, to clarify the duties of a debtor who is the plan administrator of an employee benefit plan. **Page S2273**

Kennedy Amendment No. 38, to allow for reasonable medical expenses. **Page S2273**

Collins Amendment No. 16, to provide family fishermen with the same kind of protections and terms as granted to family farmers under chapter 12 of the bankruptcy laws. **Page S2273**

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 41, to protect the identity of minor children in bankruptcy proceedings. **Pages S2273, S2299**

Reid (for Breaux) Amendment No. 94, to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics. **Page S2273**

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 19, to correct the treatment of certain spousal income for purposes of means testing. **Pages S2279, S2297**

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

By 80 yeas to 19 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S2296–97**

Leahy Amendment No. 20 (listed above) was modified and then later the modification was vitiated. **Page S2299**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 19 and Leahy Modified Amendment No. 41 (both listed above), beginning at 12 noon, on Thursday, March 15, 2001. **Page S2299**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30

a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2001, with Senator Wellstone being recognized to offer certain amendments to be proposed thereto. Further, at 10:30 a.m., Senator Kohl will be recognized to offer an amendment relating to the Homestead provision, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S2299–S2300**

Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, and Dorgan to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China. **Page S2321**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—29) **Pages S2276, S2295–97**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded closed hearings to review intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and Gen. Michael Hayden, Director, National Security Agency, and Vice Adm. Thomas Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, both of the Department of Defense.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, after receiving testimony from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine whether to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act's moratorium on the ability of state or local governments to impose new sales taxes on Internet access services, or to impose new taxes on electronic commerce allowing states to require all remote sellers to collect and remit sales taxes on deliveries into that state, after receiving testimony from Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer, Cheyenne, on behalf of the National Governors Association; Massachusetts Lt. Governor Jane Swift, Boston; Elizabeth Harchenko, Oregon Department of Revenue, Salem, on behalf of the Multistate Tax Commission; Frank G. Julian, Federated Department Stores, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the Internet Tax Fairness Coalition; Peter Lowy, Westfield America, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the e-Fairness Coalition; Robert D. Comfort, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; and Jeff Dirksen, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee approved their fiscal year 2002 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall within the jurisdiction of the committee and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

CHARITABLE GIVING TAX RELIEF

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on the President's tax proposals to provide tax relief to working families, focusing on proposals to expand federal tax incentives for charitable giving, including S. 35, to provide relief to America's working families and to promote continued economic growth by returning a portion of the tax surplus to those who created it, S. 37, to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory, S. 205, to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes, S. 298, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow non-itemizers a deduction for a portion of their charitable contributions, S. 312, to provide tax relief for farmers and fishermen, and S. 393, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions to public charities for use in medical research, receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Rev. Floyd H. Flake, Allen Episcopal Methodist Church, Jamaica, New York; Douglas O'Brien, America's Second Harvest, Chicago, Illinois; Mary Sue Coleman, University of Iowa, Iowa City; and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, John P. Walters, Philanthropy Roundtable, and Donald C.

Alexander, former Internal Revenue Service Commissioner, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

DRUG TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation to reduce illegal drug use and trafficking and to help provide appropriate drug education, prevention, and treatment programs, receiving testimony from Donnie R. Marshall, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Paul M. Warner, United States Attorney for the District Court of Utah, Salt Lake City, both of the Department of Justice; Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert DuPont, Institute for Behavior and Health, Inc., Washington, D.C., former White House Drug Czar; A. James Walton, Jr., Vermont State Department of Public Safety, Waterbury; Edyie Hewitt, East Wallingford, Vermont, on behalf of the Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health; Carroll O'Connor, Los Angeles, California; and Debra Walcott, Lake Ronkonkoma, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

ELECTION REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings on election reform issues, including voter registration, ballot casting, voting equipment, election administration, and issues related to the 2000 election, receiving testimony from James Gashel, National Federation for the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland; R. Doug Lewis, The Election Center, Houston, Texas; Todd F. Gaziano, Heritage Foundation, Hillary O. Shelton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, John Samples, Cato Institute, Robert R. Williams, United

Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., and Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; Juan A. Figueroa, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, New York; Deborah M. Phillips, Voting Integrity Project, Arlington, Virginia; and Stephen Knack, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee approved their fiscal year 2002 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall within the jurisdiction of the committee and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 211, to amend the Education Amendments of 1978 and the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 to improve education for Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives, after receiving testimony from William Mehojah, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior; Roger Bordeaux, Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Agency Village, South Dakota, on behalf of the Association of Community Tribal Schools; Angela Barney Nez, Navajo Area School Board Association, and Lorena Zah Bahe, Association of Navajo Community Controlled School Boards, both of Window Rock, Arizona; and John W. Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again Wednesday, March 21.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 8, 10, 1013–1036; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 62–63, and H. Res. 88–90, were introduced. **Pages H926–29**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 89, providing for consideration of H.R. 327, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork re-

quirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses (H. Rept. 107–22). **Page H926**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Calvin C. Turpin of Hollister, California, National Chaplain of the American Legion. **Page H881**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 88, electing Members to the Committee on Agriculture: to rank immediately after Mr. Phelps of Illinois, Mr. Lucas of Kentucky; to rank immediately after Mr. Acevedo-Vilá of Puerto Rico, Mr. Kind of Wisconsin and Mr. Shows of Mississippi. And, to the Committee on the Budget: Mr. Matheson of Utah. **Page H885**

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

Made in America Information Toll Free Number: H.R. 725, amended, to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made (passed by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 48); **Pages H883–85, H902–03**

Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office in Miami, Florida: H.R. 364, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5927 Southwest 70th Street in Miami, Florida, as the “Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office;”

Pages H885–86

Joe Trogon Post Office Building in Asheboro, North Carolina: H.R. 821, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the “W. Joe Trogon Post Office Building;”

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Antitrust Technical Corrections: H.R. 809, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws; **Pages H888–89**

Madrid Protocol Implementation: H.R. 741, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions; **Pages H889–93**

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction: H.R. 860, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions; **Pages H893–98**

Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments: S. 320, amended, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws; and **Pages H898–H901**

Vacating Arbitration Award Technical Amendments: H.R. 861, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code (passed by a ye and nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 49). **Pages H901–02, H903**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative McDermott to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. **Page H904**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 90, electing Mrs. Jones of Ohio to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. **Page H918**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H902–03 and H903. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on federal farm commodity programs, with the National Farmers Union. Testimony was heard from Leland Swenson, President, National Farmers Union.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General, USDA. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. European Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander in Chief, European Command, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Space Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Ralph Eberhart, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Space Command and North American Aerospace Command, Department of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on European Military Construction. Testimony was heard from Gen.

Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander in Chief, European Command, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

TRICARE BENEFITS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on implementation of TRICARE benefits for Medicare-eligible military retirees. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rear Adm. Jarrett Clinton, USN, Acting Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs); James Sears, Director, TRICARE Management Activity; and Kenneth C. Schefflen, Director, Defense Manpower Data Center; Elizabeth Cusick, Acting Executive Associate Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

USDA BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Agriculture Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2002. Testimony was heard from Representative Stenholm; Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; and a public witness.

EMPOWERING SUCCESS: FLEXIBILITY AND SCHOOL CHOICE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Empowering Success: Flexibility and School Choice. Testimony was heard from Lisa Graham Keegan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education, State of Arizona; Spence Korte, Superintendent, Public Schools, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY: COAL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held an oversight hearing on National Energy Policy: Coal. Testimony was heard from Mary Hutzler, Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Energy Information Agency, Department of Energy; Billy Jack Gregg, Director, Consumer Advocate Division, Public Service Commission, State of West Virginia; Edwin Pinero, Director, Program Operations, Office of Pollution and Compliance, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO STOCK MARKET DATA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored

Enterprises held a hearing on Public Access to Stock Market Data—Improving Transparency and Competition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFRONTING LIBERIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Confronting Liberia. Testimony was heard from Senator Feingold; and public witnesses.

EL SALVADOR EARTHQUAKES; PERU—PROSPECTS FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere approved for full committee action H. Con. Res. 41, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Prospects for Free and Fair Elections in Peru. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Luis Lauredo, OAS, Department of State; Susan Westin, Managing Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and a public witness.

PRIVATE IMMIGRATION AND PRIVATE CLAIMS BILLS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action a private claims bill.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee adopted Rules of Procedure for private immigration bills and private claims bills and policy on Federal Charters.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK RELIEF ACT; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 327, Small Business Paperwork Relief Act. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Ose and Tierney.

The Committee adopted Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing entitled: "Climate Change: The State of the Science." Testimony was heard from Daniel Albritton, Director, Aeronmay Laboratory, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM—
MODERNIZATION**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA's efforts to modernize the Air Traffic Control system, focusing on the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH AND
WELFARE PRIORITIES; BUDGET VIEWS
AND ESTIMATES**

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Health and Welfare Priorities. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Prior to this action, the Committee approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

BRIEFING—COVERT ACTION CAPABILITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on International Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a joint briefing on Covert Action Capabilities. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**WILDFIRE PROGRAM**

Joint Hearing: Senate Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior on issues dealing with the wildfire program, after receiving testimony from Lyle Laverty, Associate Deputy Chief/National Fire Plan Coordinator, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Tim Hartzell, Director, Office of Wildland

and Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; and James Hubbard, Colorado State Forest Service, Fort Collins, on behalf of the Western Governors Association.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Armando C. Albarran, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D136)

H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse". Signed March 13, 2001. (Public Law 107-2)

S. 279, affecting the representation of the majority and minority membership of the Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee. Signed March 13, 2001. (Public Law 107-3)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 15, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on competition and mobility issues in the freight rail industry, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on the District of Columbia's child and family services receivership, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to mark up S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 319, to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that air carriers meet their obligations under the Airline Customer Service Agreement, and provide improved passenger service in order to meet public convenience and necessity; S. 361, to establish age limitations for airmen; S. 415, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities; the committee resolution designating Senator Allen as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space; the nomination of Rear Adm. Thad W. Allen, United States Coast Guard to be Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, with the grade of Vice Admiral;

and other nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market; S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council; and S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and amendment No. 12 to S. 287, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers management reforms, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the preservation and protection of family business legacies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance focusing on solutions including individual tax credits, employer tax credits, increased flexibility in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, program expansions, and ways to improve outreach, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine certification of the United States assistance to Serbia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine high performance computer export controls, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. Res. 50, designating March 25, 2001, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy" and subcommittee organization, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following: Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and other pending Committee business; and to continue hearings on federal farm commodity programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Worldwide Threat, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and executive, on U.S. Southern Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Historic Properties, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Airline Delays, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Department of State Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on Improving Student Achievement Through Technology, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled: "A Smarter Health Care Partnership for American Families: Making Federal and State Roles in Managed Care Regulation and Liability Work for Accountable and Affordable Health Care Coverage," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on Digital Television: A Private Sector Perspective on the Transition, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Vulnerabilities to Waste, Fraud and Abuse: Inspectors General Views on Defense and National Security Programs, 9 a.m., and on Inspectors General Views on International Relations and Trade Programs, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Human Rights in Northern Ireland: Promises Kept or Promises Broken? 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Domestic Natural Gas Supply and Demand: the Contribution to Public Lands and the OCS, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 643, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 645, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 700, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Brownfields: Lessons from the Field, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following: H.R. 801, Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001; and on VA's implementation of veterans transitional housing assistance, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings on Medicare Reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Welfare Reform, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform, with Senator Wellstone being recognized to offer certain amendments. At 10:30 a.m., Senator Kohl will be recognized to offer a certain amendment relating to the Homestead provision, with a vote to occur thereon. Also, votes will occur on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 19 and Leahy Modified Amendment No. 41, beginning at 12 noon.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 327, Small Business Paperwork Relief Act (open rule, one hour of debate).

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