

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, with an amendment, the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1621–S1688

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1996–2001, and S. Res. 218–221. **Pages S1675–76**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 214, designating March 25, 2002, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Page S1675**

Energy Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 517, to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1621–58**

Adopted:

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 42), Voinovich Amendment No. 2983, to reauthorize the Price-Anderson Act. **Pages S1622–32, S1642**

By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 43), Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 2986 (to Amendment No. 2917), to study whether there is a need to regulate hydraulic fracturing with respect to its known and potential effects on underground drinking water sources. **Pages S1632–42, S1642–43**

Craig Amendment No. 2987 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for multiple-year authorization for the fusion energy sciences program. **Page S1643**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2988 (to Amendment No. 2979), to prohibit any person from damaging or destroying intrastate pipelines that are used in interstate or foreign commerce or in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce. **Pages S1645–47**

Bingaman (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2991 (to Amendment No. 2917), making technical correc-

tions to section 1702 requiring an assessment of the dependence of the State of Hawaii on oil. **Page S1655**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 2984 (to Amendment No. 2983), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1626–28**

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1621–58**

McCain Amendment No. 2979 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation. **Pages S1643–49**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2989 (to Amendment No. 2917), to provide regulatory oversight over energy trading markets. **Pages S1649–54**

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 2990 (to Amendment No. 2917) to promote collaboration between the United States and Mexico on research related to energy technologies. **Page S1654**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and McCain Amendment No. 2979 (listed above) on Friday, March 8, 2002, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1659**

Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act: Senate began consideration of the House Message to H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, with an amendment. **Pages S1659–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House Message on Friday, March 8, 2002, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1688**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—43)	Pages S1642–43

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, March 8, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1688).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FCC/SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003, on behalf of funds for their respective activities, after receiving testimony from Michael K. Powell, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Harvey L. Pitt, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

AMTRAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings to examine Amtrak performance, budget, and passenger rail service issues, focusing on a new national policy on intercity passenger rail and the Federal role in support of that form of transportation, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Allan Rutter, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administra-

tion, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; George D. Warrington, President/CEO, Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation); and Ronald Utt, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James L. Jones, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Ballistic Missile Defense Program, after receiving testimony from E.C. Aldridge, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; and Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Semi-Annual Report on Monetary Policy of the Federal Reserve, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings to examine S. 1069/H.R. 834, to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition for willing sellers from the majority of the trails in the System, S. 213/H.R. 37, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails, H.R.1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route in Arizona and New Mexico which the Navajo and Mescalero Apache Indian tribes were forced to walk in 1863 and 1864, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System, and S. 1946, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Levin; Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources

Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Kelsey Begaye, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Shane Henry, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; William C. Watson, Oregon-California Trails Association, Orinda, California; Patrick Hearty, National Pony Express Association, Inc., South Jordan, Utah; Gary Werner, Partnership for the National Trails System, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; and Dru Bower, Petroleum Association of Wyoming, Casper.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for prescription drug coverage as part of the Medicare proposal, receiving testimony from former Senator Bob Kerrey, on behalf of the Concord Coalition; Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Bobby P. Jindal, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; William D. Novelli, American Association of Retired Persons, and Patricia Neuman, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Medicare Policy Project, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD PROTOCOLS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine two optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, both of which were adopted at New York, May 25, 2000: (1) The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict; and (2) The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, signed on July 5, 2000 (Treaty Doc. 106-37), after receiving testimony from E. Michael Southwick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Marshall S. Billingslea, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiations Policy; John G. Malcolm, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jo Becker, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York; and RAdm. Eugene J. Carroll, Jr, USN (Ret.), Center for Defense Information, and RAdm. Timothy O. Fanning, Jr., USNR (Ret.), Navy League of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the trafficking of persons, focusing on

monitoring and combating this practice through the implementation of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, after receiving testimony from Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary for Global Affairs, and Nancy Ely-Raphel, Senior Advisor, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, both of the Department of State; Viet D. Dinh, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Nguyen Van Hanh, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Hae Jung Cho, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, Los Angeles, California; Ann Jordan, International Human Rights Law Group, Washington, D.C.; and Carol Smolensky, End Child Prostitution and Trafficking-USA, New York, New York.

PUBLIC HEALTH/NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine public health and natural resources, focusing on current implementation of environmental laws, after receiving testimony from Senators Jeffords and Craig; Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, Eric V. Schaeffer, former Director, Office of Regulatory Enforcement, and E. Donald Elliot, former General Counsel, all of the Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; and Gregory S. Wetstone, National Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003 for Indian programs, focusing on employment and training, education, housing, government, and law enforcement, receiving testimony from Michael H. Trujillo, Director, Assistant Surgeon General/Director, Indian Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 14.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. Res. 214, designating March 25, 2002, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; and

The nominations of Ralph R. Beistline, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, David C. Bury, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Randy Crane, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Eric F. Melgren, to be United

States Attorney for the District of Kansas, Paul I. Perez, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Theophile Alceste Duroncelet, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, John R. Edwards, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, Stephen Gilbert Fitzgerald, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin, Gregory Allyn Forest, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, James Loren Kennedy, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana, Dennis Cluff Merrill, to be United States Marshal for the District of Oregon, James Thomas Plousis, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey, J.C. Raffety, of West Virginia, to be

United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia, Charles R. Reavis, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Michael Robert Regan, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, James Anthony Rose, to be United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming, John Schickel, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Jesse Seroyer, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama, Timothy Dewayne Welch, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and William R. Whittington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 3890–3920; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84, H. Con. Res. 343–344, and H. Res. 363, were introduced. **Pages H779–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 706, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico, amended (Rept. 107–368); and

H.R. 3389, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, amended ((Rept. 107–369, Pt. 1). Referred sequentially to the Committee on Science for a period ending not later than April 17, 2002 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(n), rule X. **Page H779**

Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002: By a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 52, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, with an amendment that strikes the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate and inserts text for the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002. **Pages H744–67**

The House amendment was made in order by the rule and printed in H. Rept. 107–367.

The House agreed to H. Res. 360, the rule that provided for consideration of the Senate amendment by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 51. **Pages H742–44**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 11th. **Page H767**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday March 11. **Page H767**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 12: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 11, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 for morning hour debate. **Page H767**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 13. **Pages H767–68**

Class Action Fairness Act of 2001—Committee on the Judiciary Report: Agreed that the Committee on the Judiciary have until 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11 to file a report on H.R. 2341, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, and to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions. **Page H768**

Expenses of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: The House agreed to H. Res. 359, providing amounts for providing amounts for further

expenses of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the second session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

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Agriculture, Conservation, and Rural Enhancement Act—Appointment of Additional Conferees: The Chair announced additional conferees to H.R. 2646, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011 (On February 28, 2002, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment to the bill, agreed to a conference, and appointed conferees. The Chair announced that the conferee appointment may be supplemented at a later time): From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of section 197 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Nussle and Representatives Sununu and Spratt. From the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of sections 453–5, 457–9, 460–1, and 464 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Castle, Osborne, and Kildee. From the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of sections 213, 605, 627, 648, 652, 902, 1041, and 1079E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Tauzin and Representatives Barton of Texas and Dingell. From the Committee on Financial Services for consideration of sections 335 and 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives Bachus, and LaFalce. From the Committee on International Relations for consideration of title III of the House bill and title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Smith of New Jersey and Lantos. From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 940–1 of the House bill and sections 602, 1028–9, 1033–5, 1046, 1049, 1052–3, 1058, 1068–9, 1070–1, 1098, and 1098A of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Green of Wisconsin and Baldwin. From the Committee on Resources for consideration of sections 201, 203, 211, 213, 215–7, 262, 721, 786, 806, 810, 817–8, 1069, 1070, and 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Hansen, Young of Alaska and Kind. From the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 808, 811, 902–3, and 1079 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Ballenger and Hall of Texas. From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of sections 127 and 146 of the House bill and sections 144, 1024, 1038, and 1070 of the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives Herger and Rangel.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H739.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H744 and H766–67. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer; Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary; and Suzanne M. Biermann, Deputy Under Secretary, both with Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; George A. Braley, Acting Administrator; and Peter S. Murano, Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, both with Food and Nutrition Service.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Federal Judiciary, and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from the following members of the Committee on the Budget of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Judge John G. Heyburn II, Chairman, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky; and Magistrate Judge Thomas B. McCoun III, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, member, Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Judge Fern M. Smith, Director, Federal Judicial Center, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; and James W. Ziglar, Commissioner, INS, Department of Department of Justice.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Energy-National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, (Ret.),

Under Secretary, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Agencies held a hearing on Export Financing. Testimony was heard from Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., Vice-Chairman and First Vice President, Export-Import Bank; Peter Watson, President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and Thelma J. Askey, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth James Duke, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, Commander in Chief, United Nations Command; and Adm. Dennis T. Blair, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from Jeffery W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD, INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation. Testimony was heard from Henry Falk, M.D., Assistant Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services, and Ellen Lazar, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 2003 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dov Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller); Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment); Mario P. Fiori, Assistant Secretary, Army (Installations and Environment); Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff (Installation Management), Department of the Army; Maj. Gen. James R. Helmly, Commander (TPU), 78th Division, Training Support, U.S. Army Reserve; and Brig. Gen. Michael J. Squier, Deputy Director, Army National Guard.

HEALTH CARE SHARING—DOD AND DVA

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing on health care sharing by the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of New Jersey; Leo S. Mackay, Deputy Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense; Nancy Dorn, Deputy Director, OMB; Gail Wilensky, Co-Chair, President's Task Force To Improve Health Care Delivery For Our Nation's Veterans; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REQUEST—MEDICAL READINESS NEEDS ADEQUACY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the adequacy of the fiscal year 2003 budget request to meet readiness needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations and Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps., both with the Department of the Navy; and Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of State Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2003. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

DOT KIDS IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action H.R. 3833, Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3717, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2002.

DRAFT REPORT; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Approved the following: a draft Committee Report “A Citizen’s Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records;” and Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2003 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

SERVICES ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement held a hearing on the Services Acquisition Reform Act. Testimony was heard from William Woods, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Angela Styles, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; Stephen Perry, Administrator, GSA; Diedre Lee, Director, Procurement, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

TIBET-U.S. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Considerations in Tibet. Testimony was heard from Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001; and H.R. 3297, Mychal Judge Police and Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officer’s Benefit Act of 2001.

OVERSIGHT—HUD’S LEGISLATIVE HANDBOOK

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on “HUD’s ‘Legislative Guidebook’ and its Potential Impact on Property Rights and Small Businesses, including Minority-Owned Businesses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on “The Office of Justice Programs Part Two-Evaluation of Effectiveness.” Testimony was heard from Laurie Ekstrand, Director, Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Marine Fisheries Service Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2003. Testimony was heard from Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, (Ret.) Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Steve Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 261, recognizing the historical significance of the Aquia sandstone quarries of Government Island in Stafford County, Virginia, for their contributions to the construction of the Capital of the United States; H.R. 1462, amended, Harmful Nonnative Weed Control Act of 2001; H.R. 2628, Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area Study Act of 2001; H.R. 2937, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a shooting range; H.R. 3421, amended, Yosemite National Park Educational Facilities Improvement Act; H.R. 3425, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing Highway 49 in California, known as the “Golden Chain Highway”, as a National Heritage Corridor; and H.R. 3853, to make technical corrections to laws passed by the 106th Congress related to parks and public lands.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3480, Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act of 2001; and H.R. 3606, Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Water Management Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: John W. Keys III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; and Robert M. Hirsch, Associate Director, Water, U.S. Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

KNOWLEDGE BASED ECONOMY DEMANDS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on Meeting the Demands of the Knowledge Based Economy: Strengthening Undergraduate Science, Mathematics and Engineering Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on A Review of Civil Aeronautics Research and Development, focusing on H.R. 3130, Technology Talent Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Steve Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA, Department of Transportation; Sam Venneri, Associate Administrator, Aerospace Technology, NASA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2003 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer Vincent Patton III.

OVERSIGHT—REDUCED CORPS OF ENGINEERS' BUDGET IMPACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Impacts of a Reduced Corps of Engineers' Budget. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH QUALITY AND MEDICAL ERRORS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Health Quality and Medical Errors. Testimony was heard James Bagain, M.D., Director, National Center for Patient Safety,

Department of Veterans' Affairs, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM WORK REQUIREMENTS AND TIME LIMITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Implementation of Welfare Reform Work Requirements and Time Limits. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Jennifer Reinert, Secretary, Department of Workforce Development, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 8, 2002**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 1384, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Navajo Long Walk to Bosque Redondo as a national historic trail, 10 a.m., SD-366.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on "Economic Development in the District of Columbia: The Role of National Capital Revitalization Corporation," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February 2002, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Friday, March 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the House Message to H.R. 3090, Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act, and S. 517, Energy Policy Act, with votes to occur on the House Message followed by a vote on McCain Amendment No. 2979 (to Amendment No. 2917) to S. 517 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro forma session.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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