

Thursday, May 16, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5111–S5214*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1762–1770, and S. Con. Res. 59. **Page S5191**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1080, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide additional investment funds for the Thrift Savings Plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–274)

S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system.

S. 1762, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 1763, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

S. 1764, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military construction. **Pages S5190–91**

### Measures Passed:

*School Lunch/Breakfast Programs:* Senate passed H.R. 2066, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide greater flexibility to schools to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans under the school lunch and school breakfast programs, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S5207–08**

*Public Buildings Reform:* Senate passed S. 1005, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 to improve the process of constructing, altering, and acquiring public buildings, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3983, to make a technical correction. **Pages S5212–14**

**Congressional Budget:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S5111–40, S5143–86**

### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 114), Frist Amendment No. 3968 (to Amendment No. 3965), to express the sense of the Senate that the discretionary spending caps should not include triggers that would make drastic reductions in non-defense discretionary spending in fiscal years 2001 and 2002 for the purpose of achieving a balanced budget in fiscal year 2002. **Pages S5129–38**

Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 3965 (listed below) was rejected.

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By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 116), Bond Amendment No. 3971 (to Amendment No. 3965), to restore funds to the Veteran's Administration Medical Care program, offset by a reduction in Welfare benefits. **Pages S5143–51, S5158**

Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 3965 (listed below) was rejected.

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 118), Abraham/Domenici Amendment No. 3980, to express the sense of the Congress regarding Medicare trust fund solvency. **Pages S5169–75**

### Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 115), Exon Amendment No. 3973 (to Amendment No. 3965), to restore funds for Veterans benefits and services, offset by corporate tax increases. **Pages S5151–58**

Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3979, to restore \$50 billion in excessive Medicare cuts, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S5160–69, S5173**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 119), Exon Amendment No. 3965, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. **Pages S5111–75**

### Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore

\$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms.

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Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution with amendments to be proposed thereto on Friday, May 17, 1996.

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#### Appointments:

*U.S. Military Academy:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Kohl, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy, vice Senator Reid.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-146).

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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

J. Rene Josey, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

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Messages From the President:

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Communications:

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Additional Statements:

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—119)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 17, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5177)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/STATE DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; and Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/NIS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance to the New Independent States (N.I.S.), receiving testimony from Richard L. Morningstar, U.S. Coordinator for N.I.S. Assistance, Department of State; Thomas A. Dine, Assistant Administrator for Europe and the N.I.S., U.S. Agency for International Development; and Constantine Menges, George Washington University, and Eugene Iwanciw, Central and East European Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 21.

### APPROPRIATIONS—COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the United States Coast Guard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

## MISSION TO PLANET EARTH

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on the status and purpose of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Mission to Planet Earth Program, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Kennel, Associate Administrator, Doug Norton, Director of Management Integration, both of the Office of Mission to Planet Earth, and Fritz Hasler, Research Meteorologist and Manager of Public Use of Remote Sensing Data, Goddard Space Flight Center, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Robert S. Winokur, Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Donald T. Lauer, Chief, EROS Data Center, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; David P. Radzanowski, Analyst in Aerospace Policy, Science Policy Research Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Frank Carsey, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California; and George A. Seielstad, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, on behalf of the Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium.

## NATIONAL TRAILS AND PARKS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings S. 621, to designate the Great Western Trail for potential addition to the National Trails System, H.R. 531, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act, S. 1049, to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail in Alabama, S. 1706, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation with respect to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia, and S. 1725, to create a third category of long-distance trails to be known as national discovery trails and to authorize the American Discovery Trail as the first national discovery trail, after receiving testimony from Senators Nunn, Brown, and Bennett; Representatives Bereuter, John Lewis, and Hilliard; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director for Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gray F. Reynolds, Deputy Chief, and Brent Botts, Trails Program Manager, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; George Boulineau, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta; and Reese F. Lukei, Jr., Virginia Beach, Virginia, and John O'Dell, River to River Trail Society, Harrisburg, Illinois, both on behalf of the American Discovery Trail/American Hiking Society.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine the status of the international commercial environment and the Federal Government's role in supporting United States business abroad, after receiving testimony from Joan E. Spero, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Martin A. Kamarck, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Ruth R. Harkin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, United States Trade and Development Agency.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1488, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions;

S. 88, to increase the overall economy and efficiency of Government operations and enable more efficient use of Federal funding, by enabling local governments and private, nonprofit organizations to use amounts available under certain Federal assistance programs in accordance with approved local flexibility plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 94, to prohibit congressional consideration of retroactive tax increases, with amendments;

S. 1130, to provide for the establishment of uniform accounting systems, standards, and reporting systems in the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, and to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, with an amendment.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Also, committee began markup of S. 483, to amend Federal copyright provisions regarding preemption of laws concerning duration of copyrights, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**HEALTHY START PROJECT**

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Healthy Start Demonstration Project of the Department of Health and Human Services, created to reduce infant mortality, and its proposed authorization for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Ciro V. Sumaya, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Louis W. Sullivan, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; Thomas P. Coyle, Baltimore City Health Department, Doretha Strawther, and Chris-

topher Banks, all of Baltimore, Maryland; Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Dimock Community Health Center, Roxbury, Massachusetts; and Marie C. McCormick, Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**WHITEWATER**

*Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters:* Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Gary W. Bunch, Madison Bank and Trust, John Latham, and David Knight, all of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 3467–3492; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 179, H. Con. Res. 179, and H. Res. 439 were introduced. **Pages H5287–88**

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

H.R. 2909, to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands (H. Rept. 104–579);

H. Res. 436, providing for consideration of H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury (H. Rept. 104–580);

H. Res. 437, providing for consideration of H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 104–581);

H. Res. 438, providing for consideration of H.R. 3144, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system (H. Rept. 104–582); and

H.R. 3144, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system (H. Rept. 104–583 Part I). **Pages H5286–87**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Hast-

ings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5185**

**Committees to Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H5188**

**Budget Resolution:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 179, The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. **Pages H5198–H5260**

**Rejected:**

The Payne of New Jersey amendment, in the nature of a substitute, that sought to achieve a balanced budget by 2002, reduce defense spending, revise tax provisions relating to capital gains and multinational and foreign controlled corporations, maintain Medicare spending at current levels, and increase funding for various programs including education and training, community development, and child care (rejected by a recorded vote of 63 yeas to 362 noes, Roll No. 176); **Pages H5204–18**

The Orton amendment, in the nature of a substitute, that sought to achieve a balanced budget by 2002, reduce defense spending, achieve savings in Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, and various discretionary programs, increase funding for programs including education and training, health, community

development, and research, assume a .5 percent change in the CPI index, and provide no tax reductions (rejected by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 177); and

**Pages H5218–33**

The Sabo amendment, in the nature of a substitute, that sought to achieve a balanced budget by 2002, reduce defense, veterans, and discretionary program spending, achieve savings in Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare, increase funding for programs including education, training, environmental, and health, and provide tax reductions (rejected by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 304 noes, Roll No. 178).

**Pages H5233–46**

H. Res. 435, the rule providing for the further consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 175.

**Pages H5189–98**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of May 20. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

**Pages H5260–61**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn on Thursday, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20; and that when it adjourns on Monday, May 20, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, for morning hour debates.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of May 22.

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**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iran:** Read a message from the President wherein he submits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–214).

**Pages H5261–62**

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5288–89.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5185.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5198, H5217–18, H5232–33, H5245–46, and H5260. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:15 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL CHEESE EXCHANGE— PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops concluded joint hearings to consider issues raised by a recently released study of trading practices and procedures on the National Cheese Exchange. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

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

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Consolidated Departmental Management and Consolidated Inspectors General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Cynthia A. Metzler, Acting Deputy Secretary; and Charles C. Masten, Inspector General.

### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3399, to authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the 104th replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association, to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for the United States contribution to the fifth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Bank, to authorize consent to and authorize appropriations for a United States contribution to the interest subsidy account of the successor (ESAF II) to the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility of the International Monetary Fund, and to provide for the establishment of the Middle East Development Bank.

### FAN FREEDOM AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 2740, Fan Freedom and Community Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hoke, DeLay, Bryant of Tennessee, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Flanagan; Bob Lanier, Mayor, Houston,

Texas; Philip N. Bredeson, Mayor, Nashville, Tennessee; Jane Hague, Chairwoman, King County Council, Seattle, Washington; and public witnesses.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on Senior Executive Branch Officials Compliance with Federal Travel Guidelines. Testimony was heard from Bonnie Cohen, Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget, Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior; Harold Gracey, Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs; Patricia Lattimore, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

#### IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on the Impact of Regulations on Employment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY—MISMANAGEMENT AND WASTE

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Mismanagement and Waste at the White House Communications Agency. Testimony was heard from Robert Lieberman, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing, Department of Defense; and Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### FEC AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on House Oversight*: Approved H.R. 3461, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Election Commission for fiscal year 1997.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Lee Ann Elliott, Chairman; Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner and Chairman, Finance Committee; and Joan D. Aikens, Commissioner.

#### MFN IMPACT FOR CHINA

*Committee on International Relations*: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, joint hearing on the Impact of MFN for China on U.S.-China Economic Relations. Testimony was heard from Representative Pelosi; Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary,

Political Affairs, Department of State; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—PROJECTED INCREASES IN LEGAL IMMIGRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing regarding projected increases in legal immigration. Testimony was heard from Susan Martin, Executive Director, Commission on Immigration Reform; Robert Bach, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Policy and Planning, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Visa Office, Department of State: Cornelius D. Scully and Seton P. Stapleton; and Nancy Gordon, Associate Director, Demographic Programs, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources*: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 70, authorizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. in the District of Columbia or its environs; H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act; and H.R. 848, amended, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation regarding Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia.

#### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources*: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Testimony was heard from Representative Chenoweth; Daniel M. Ashe, Assistant Director, External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Amos Eno, Executive Director, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and public witnesses.

#### DEFEND AMERICA ACT

*Committee on Rules*: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 3144, Defend America Act of 1996, with 2 hours of debate. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration. The rule provides for one minority amendment in the nature of a substitute which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable separately for 1 hour. The rule waives all points of order against the substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Dellums and Spratt.

#### REPEAL FUEL TAX INCREASE

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule waiving all points of order against H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury, and against its consideration. The rule provides for the adoption of the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides 1 hour of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Seastrand, Gibbons, Dingell, Markey and Bentsen.

#### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997. The rule waives section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority), section 308(a) (requiring a cost estimate in the committee report on new entitlement authority), and section 401(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing contract authority not previously subject to appropriation) of the Budget Act against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order for consideration for amendment under the five minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, which shall be considered by title and as read. The rule waives clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness), clause 5(b) of rule XXI (prohibition of consideration of legislation containing revenue provisions if not considered by the Committee on Ways and Means), and section 302(f) (providing consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority) and section 401(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing contract authority not previously subject to appropriation) of the Budget Act against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule makes in order only those amendments to the substitute which are pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Combest and Representative Dicks.

#### METRIC SYSTEM CONVERSION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on proposed amendments to the Met-

ric System Conversion Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Cox of California; Mark Bohannon, Chief Counsel for Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization: Transportation Finance in an Era of Scarce Resources: the Highway Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation and Telecommunications Issues, GAO; Robert Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, CBO; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Marty Washburn, National Director, Specialty Taxes; and Edward L. Federico, Director, National Operations for Criminal Investigations; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Anthony Kane, Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration; and Jack Basso, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget and Program; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 30.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D472)

H.R. 2243, to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River. Signed May 15, 1996. (P.L. 104-143)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Avis T. Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Marisa R. Lino, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters,* to continue hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE  
9:30 a.m., Friday, May 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
2 p.m., Monday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business is scheduled.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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