

Tuesday, February 21, 1995

Daily Digest Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Wednesday, February 22, 1995, at 10:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H.R. 993–1008, and one private bill, H.R. 1009, were introduced. Pages H1967–68

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 421, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for the purchase of common stock of Cook Inlet Region, amended (H. Rept. 104–40);

H.R. 622, to implement the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (H. Rept. 104–41);

H.R. 715, to amend the Central Bering Sea Fisheries Enforcement Act of 1992 to prohibit fishing in the Central Sea of Okhotsk by vessels and nationals of the United States (H. Rept. 104–42);

H. Res. 91, providing for the consideration of H.R. 830, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public (H. Rept. 104–43); and

H. Res. 92, providing for the consideration of H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–44). Page H1967

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Doolittle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1909

Recess: House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H1909

George Washington's Birthday Observance: The Speaker appointed Representatives Horn and Richardson to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Wednesday, February 22, 1995. Page H1912

Recess: House recessed at 2:21 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H1912

Committees to Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. Page H1914

Health Insurance: By a recorded vote of 381 ayes to 44 noes, Roll No. 150, the House passed H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission. Pages H1921–53

Rejected the Stark motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to repeal the maximum time period of mandatory coverage of group health plans (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 149). Pages H1951–53

Rejected the McDermott amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide a tax deduction for health insurance premiums for employees

whose employers do not subsidize their health insurance; narrow the tax preference for sales of radio, television, and cable companies to minority-owned firms; provide a phased-in tax deduction beginning in 1996 for employees whose employers do not subsidize their health care; enact provisions to tax certain assets owned by individuals who renounce their U.S. citizenship; tighten rules for taxing income from foreign trusts; tighten the limitation of the earned income tax credit (EITC) on people with dividend and interest income; and make people with dividend and interest income of \$2,500 a year ineligible for the EITC (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 148). **Pages H1933-51**

H. Res. 88, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 147. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H1912-21**

Committees To Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit on Wednesday, February 22, during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Science, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H1954**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1968-69.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1909.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1920, H1920-21, H1950-51, H1952-53, and H1953. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Farm Credit Administration. Testimony was heard from Marsha A. Martin, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Chief of Engineers, and on Corps of Engineers: Ohio River Division and Missouri River Division. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams, USA, Chief; Maj. Gen. Albert J. Genetti, Jr., USA, Division Engineer, Ohio River Division; and Col. Michael F. Thuss, USA, Division Engineer, Missouri River Division, all with the Corps of Engineers.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Energy: Fossil Energy Research and Development, Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Services, Strategic Petroleum Reserves, and on Clean Coal Technology. Testimony was heard from Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Customs Service, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and on the Forfeiture Fund. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: George J. Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service; Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; and Jan P. Blanton, Acting Director, Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture.

COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 917, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Mink; Jeffery J. Teitz, member, House of Representatives, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held an oversight hearing on the implementation of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from Steven Kelman, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; and Colleen Preston, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition Reform, Department of Defense.

DOD—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS; RESCINDING CERTAIN BUDGET AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: By a voice vote, granted a modified closed rule providing for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. The rule waives clause 2, rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) against the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 889 amended to add the text of H.R. 845, rescinding certain budget authority. Clause 7, rule XVI (germaneness); clause 2, rule XXI (unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriation bills); and clause 6, rule XXI (reappropriations) are waived against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. No other amendment shall be in order except the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report accompanying this resolution offered by Representative Obey or his designee. The substitute shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for one hour, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives clause 2, rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriation bills) against the Obey substitute. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995

Committee on Rules: By a voice vote, granted an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 830, Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Clinger and Representative Collins of Illinois.

NOAA BUDGET

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the NOAA budget. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on the reauthorization of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Adminis-

trator, Office of Water, EPA; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

Hearings continue February 24.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1995

(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 1996 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Selective Service System, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Consumer Information Center, and the Office of Consumer Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance, focusing on Russia and Europe, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on income tax reform proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on S. 343, to reform the regulatory process, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Ryan White Care Act of 1990, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 10:15 a.m., and on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 4 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Corps of Engineers: Southwestern Division, and North Pacific Division, 10 a.m., Corps of Engineers: South Atlantic Division and Lower Mississippi Valley Division, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn, and to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 4:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 4 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 9 a.m., on Indian Education, 1:30 p.m., and on Bureau of Mines, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., on Employment and Training Administration, 2 p.m., and to mark up Fiscal Year 1995 Rescissions, 6:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Committee on Printing, and GPO, 9:30 a.m., and on Library of Congress, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the Secret Service, 2 p.m., H-163 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, on American Battle Monuments Commission and Cemeterial Expenses, 10 a.m., and on National Credit Union Administration, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on "Local Neighborhood Solutions for Housing and Economic Opportunities," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Administration's HUD Budget: Reform or Retrenchment? 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to consider the following: Oversight Plans for the 104th Congress for Submission to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Committee on House Oversight; and H.R. 917, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up Welfare Reform legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on District of Columbia and the Subcommittee on District of Columbia of the Committee on Appro-

priations, joint oversight hearing to review the Financial Condition of the District of Columbia, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on Efforts to Reduce Costs and Increase Efficiency of HUD, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Human Rights Situation in Africa, 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization: Refugees, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Mexican Peso Bailout, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 956, Common Sense Product Liability Reform Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 1996 National Defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 450, Regulatory Transition Act of 1995, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on the NSF budget, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Capital Gains Tax Reform, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to continue hearings on the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on the Disposition of the ICC's Non-Merger Rail Authority, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine minimum wage issues, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senator Thomas will read Washington's Farewell Address, following which Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, February 22

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 889, Department of Defense Supplemental Appropriations (modified rule, one hour of general debate); and Consideration of H.R. 830, Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (open rule, one hour of general debate).

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