

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Unfunded Mandate Reform Act: Senate indefinitely postponed S. 169, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments; to strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local and tribal governments; to end the imposition, in the absence of full consideration by Congress, of Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental priorities; and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations. Page S4407

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee: Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons (Treaty Doc. 103-25), with certain conditions. (Exec. Rept. 104-1) Page S4365

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111) Page S4323

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 23, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S4407.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Paul W.

Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 29.

SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on proposals to reform the process of securities litigation, including related provisions of S. 240 and H.R. 1058, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Griffin, Utah Department of Commerce, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; Sheldon H. Elsen, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York; David Guin, Ritchie and Rediker, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys; Bartlett Naylor, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL-CIO), Washington, D.C.; and Joan R. Gallo, San Jose, California.

NUCLEAR WASTE CLEANUP

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the Department of Energy environmental management programs, focusing on waste management and cleanup activities at the Hanford nuclear reservation site in the State of Washington, receiving testimony from Senators Gorton and Murray; Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management; and Steven M. Blush and Thomas H. Heitman, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of regulatory reform proposals on environmental law, receiving testimony from Steven Kaplan, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Tom Looby, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Cass R. Sunstein, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois; John D. Graham, Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, Boston, Massachusetts; and Michael E. Baroody, National Association of Manufacturers, on behalf of the Alliance for Reasonable Regulation, and George C. Freeman, Jr. and

Philip J. Harter, both of the American Bar Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL DISABILITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings to examine the growth and escalating costs of the Social Security Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income disability programs, receiving testimony from Senators Cohen and Santorum; Shirley S. Chater, Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; David Koitz, Specialist in Retirement and Social Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and James Slattery, National Commission on Childhood Disability, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, of Maryland, to be Inspector General; Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Coordinator for Counter Terrorism; and Ray L. Caldwell, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Burdensharing, all of the Department of State; Gloria Rose Ott, of California, Harvey Sigelbaum, of New York, George J. Kourpias, of Maryland, and John Chrystal, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, United States International Development Cooperation Agency, and routine lists in the Foreign Service;

S. 384, to direct the President to submit reports to certain congressional committees concerning United States support for Mexico during its debt crisis, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Con. Res. 3, relative to Taiwan and the United Nations;

S.J. Res. 29, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to dialogue on the North-South Korean Peninsula and the United States-North Korea Agreed Framework;

S. Con. Res. 9, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding a private visit by President Lee

Teng-hui of the Republic of China on Taiwan to the United States; and

The Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Excessively Injurious or To Have Indiscriminate Effects and Two Accompanying Protocols on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I) and on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) (Treaty Doc. 103-25), with certain conditions.

Also, committee began consideration of S. Con. Res. 6, to express the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of the Treasury should submit monthly reports to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives concerning compliance by the Government of Mexico regarding certain loans, loan guarantees, and other assistance made by the United States to the Government of Mexico, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 510, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1999 for the Native American Social and Economic Development Strategies Grant Program administered by the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Gary Niles Kimble, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and A. David Lester, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Denver, Colorado; and

S. 441, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1997 for programs of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, after receiving testimony from W. Craig Vanderwagen, Director, Division of Clinical and Preventive Services, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Herbert Becker, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Anita Schacht, Hopi Child Sexual Abuse Project, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; and Laurel Keenan, Bay Mills Indian Community, Brimley, Michigan.