

Friday, May 5, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 761 and 762. **Page S6202**

Product Liability Fairness Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S6198, S6225–26**

Pending:

(1) Gorton Amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6198**

(2) Coverdell/Dole Amendment No. 690 (to Amendment No. 596), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6225**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 690, listed above, and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, May 8, 1995. **Page S6225**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 690, listed above, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the second cloture motion could occur on Tuesday, May 9, 1995. **Page S6225**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, May 8, 1995. **Page S6226**

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Treaty with Panama on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, with two provisos (Treaty Doc. 102–15). (Exec. Rept. 104–3) **Page S6202**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed Senators Grassley and Hutchison as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, May 11–22, 1995. **Page S6225**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Carlin, of Kansas, to be Archivist of the United States.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 1995.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2004. **Page S6226**

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 3:53 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 8, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S6226.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program, receiving testimony from Frank Reilly, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, IRM–HEHS Group, General Accounting Office; Steve Pelovitz, Associate Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Nancy Boyer, Equifax Analytical Services, Inc., Fairport, New York; John T. Kelly, GMIS Incorporated, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and Leroy Henrich, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon, Portland.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 11.

AUTHORIZATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on S. 727, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, focusing on the implications of the revolution

in military affairs, receiving testimony from Adm. William A. Owens, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Andrew W. Marshall, Director, Net Assessment, Department of Defense; and Andrew Krepinevich, Defense Budget Project, and Daniel Gouré, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 17.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April, receiving testimony from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 8 through 13, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 956, Product Liability Fairness Act.

During *the balance of the week*, Senate expects to continue consideration of H.R. 956, Product Liability Fairness Act, and may consider S. 534, Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste; S. 652, Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act; conference reports, when available; and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 9, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 9, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on National Guard and Reserve programs, 9:45 a.m., SD-192.

May 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for military construction programs, focusing on the Navy and Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 11, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 11, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Thursday, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m.; for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 1 p.m.; Thursday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m., SD-116.

May 11, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., SR-325.

May 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine access to abortion clinics, 2 p.m., SD-138.

May 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance for the Oklahoma City bombing, 2 p.m., SD-608.

May 12, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, and

the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 12, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Senate Legal Counsel, and the Senate Office of Fair Employment Practices, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on Armed Services: May 9, Subcommittee on Personnel and Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold joint hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, focusing on military family housing issues, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

May 9, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of the Navy's implementation of its strategy for Littoral Warfare, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

May 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary to examine the role of the military in combating terrorism, 1:30 p.m., SD-106.

May 11, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on environmental, military construction, and BRAC programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: May 8, business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution on the fiscal year 1996 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 10, to hold hearings on the nomination of James John Hoecker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Emergency Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Supplemental Proposed Rulemaking, Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open-Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities (Docket No. RM95-8-000), and Recovery Stranded Costs by Public Utilities and Transmitting Utilities (Docket No. RM94-7-001), 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 9, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to resume oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 9 a.m., SD-406.

May 10, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 440, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 11, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to resume hearings oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 10, to hold hearings on the nominations of Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Latvia; Peter Tomsen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan; Lawrence Palmer Taylor, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia; Jenonne R. Walker, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic; and James Alan Williams, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Special Coordinator for Cyprus, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 11, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States Assistance Programs in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 8, Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service, to hold hearings to review the implementation of the Ramspeck Act, which allows congressional employees to transfer to executive branch positions under certain circumstances, focusing on procedures and restrictions of the law, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 10, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on verification of applicant identity for purposes of employment and public assistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings with the Committee on Armed Services to examine the role of the military in combating terrorism, 1:30 p.m., SD-106.

May 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the Internet system, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 11, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: May 9, Subcommittee on Disability Policy, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Economic and Education Opportunity Committee's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families on the 20th anniversary of the implementation of Part B of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 9 a.m., SH-216.

May 11, Subcommittee on Disability Policy, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation relating to the education of individuals with disabilities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 11, to hold hearings to examine management guidelines for the future of the Smithsonian Institution, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 11, to hold hearings on the reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration, and the requirement of 38 U.S.C. 510(b) for the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide 90 days notice to the Congress before an administrative reorganization may take effect, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 10, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 11, to hold hearings to examine ways the private sector can assist in making long-term care more affordable and accessible, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

Monday, the House will not be in session.

Tuesday, consideration of the following Suspension: H.R. 1139, Striped Boss Conservation Amendments Act of 1995; and consideration of H.R. 1361, Coast Guard Authorization Act of fiscal year 1996 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

Balance of the week, the program will be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 9, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the Effects of the Elimination of the Wool and Mohair Program on the American Sheep and Wool Industry, 2 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

May 10, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on the Food Stamp Program and Electronic Benefit Transfer Systems, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 11, full Committee, hearing on General Farm Bill Issues, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 9, Subcommittee on National Security, on 1996/1997 Air Force Budget Overview, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 9, 10, and 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn on May 9 and 10 and H-143 Capitol on May 11.

May 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on United Nations Peacekeeping, 10 a.m., and on Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

May 10, Subcommittee on National Security, on Air Force Acquisition 10 a.m., and on Bomber Modernization, 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on EEOC, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

May 11, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Intelligence, 10 a.m., and on Air Force Airlift Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 9, to mark up Glass-Steagall reform legislation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on Homesteading and Neighborhood Restoration; followed by a markup of legislation concerning homesteading and homeownership, repeal of one-for-one replacement requirements on public housing and an extension and revision of the section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, May 10, to mark up the Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Resolution, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, May 10, 11, and 12, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing on the following: H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995; H.R. 514, to repeal the restrictions on foreign ownership of licensed telecommunications facilities; H.R. 912, to permit registered utility holding companies to participate in the provision of telecommunications serv-

ices; H.R. 1556, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to reduce the restrictions on ownership of broadcasting stations, and other media of mass communications; and related telecommunications reform legislation, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 558, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act, 9:30 a.m., 2218 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, oversight hearing on HIV Testing on Women and Infants, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, May 9, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Title IX, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 11, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 743, Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the District of Columbia Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, May 9, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to continue oversight hearings on National Performance Review, with emphasis on Strengthening Departmental Management, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 9, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs: "Opportunities for Cost Savings," 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, May 9, Task Force on Contested Election, hearing on Thirty-Sixth Congressional District of California, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

May 10, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, May 8, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act, 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

May 9, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 10, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 1562, Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11 and 12, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act, 10 a.m. on May 11 and 9 a.m. on May 12, 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 9, hearing on Telecommunications: The Role of the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on authorization and oversight of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Administrative Conference of the United States, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1443, Court Arbitration Authorization Act of 1995; H.R. 1445,

to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore to stenographic preference for depositions; S. 464, to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts; and S. 532, to clarify the rules governing venue, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 9, hearing on H.R. 70, to permit export of certain domestically produced crude oil, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Sodium mineral leasing issues: what is "Fair market value" royalty on trona, and what are the implications on the export market for soda ash? 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on Federal Land Exchange Policies and Regulations, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 10, full Committee, hearing on the Endangered Species Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 10, Subcommittee on Native American Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1448, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 to require that determinations regarding status as an Indian child and as a member of an Indian tribe be prospective from the date of birth of the child and of total membership of the member, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 11, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on Recreation Fees on Federal Lands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 11, Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, to mark up H.R. 1122, Alaska Power Administration Sale Act; followed by a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 930, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; H.R. 1070, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in Central Valley project, CA, as "Trinity Lake"; and legislation to reauthorize the Water Resources Institute, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 9, to consider H.R. 961, Clean Water Amendments of 1995, 1:30 p.m., held H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, May 9 and 11, executive, to consider pending business, 4 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 11, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Denver International Airport: What Went Wrong? 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 11, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, to mark up the following: H.R. 1384, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt certain full-time health-care professionals of the Department of Veterans' Affairs from restrictions on remunerated outside professional activities; and measures to extend expiring authorities (to adjust locality-based nurse anesthetist pay rates and to provide care for disorders possibly associated with exposure to ionizing radiation or Agent Orange), 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 12, Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Veterans Benefit Administrations' processing of compensation claims, with an emphasis on Persian Gulf war claims, and oversight of P.L. 103-446, the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 1994, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 9, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit, the Exclusion for Employer-Provided Educational Assistance, the Orphan Drug Credit and Other Temporary Tax Provisions, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 10, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Federal Adoption Policy, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Research and Experimentation Tax Credit and the Allocation of Research Expenses Under Internal Revenue Code Section 861, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 11, Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House of the Committee on Rules, joint hearing on Extension of Fast Track Trade Negotiating Authority, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 12, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Insurance Portability, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 9, executive, hearing on Intelligence Personnel, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 11, executive, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., to be followed by, executive, hearing on extension of the legal authority for DOD commercial activities to provide security for DOD intelligence collection activities abroad, H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint hearing: May 9, Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources' Subcommittee on Disability Policy, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Economic and Education Opportunity Committee's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families on the 20th anniversary of the implementation of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, May 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 Noon), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following Suspension: H.R. 1139, Striped Bass Conservation Amendments Act of 1995; and

Consideration of H.R. 1361, Coast Guard Authorization Act of fiscal year 1996 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).



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