

Thursday, May 11, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 1996.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6471-S6573

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 790-798. **Page S6513**

Measures Passed:

Native American Programs Authorizations: Senate passed S. 510, to extend the authorization for certain programs under the Native American Programs Act of 1974, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6562**

Solid Waste Disposal Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 534, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S6471, S6477-87, S6489-94, S6499-S6505, S6563-66**

Adopted:

(1) Chafee (for Dodd/Lieberman) Amendment No. 758, of a technical nature. **Page S6477**

(2) Bingaman Amendment No. 761, to require a study of solid waste management issues associated with increased border use resulting from the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S6478-79**

(3) Chafee (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 773, of a technical nature. **Page S6482**

(4) Lautenberg Amendment No. 775, to revise the provision providing additional flow control authority. **Pages S6482-83**

(5) Smith/Chafee/Baucus Amendment No. 789, of a technical nature. **Page S6489**

(6) Jeffords/Leahy Modified Amendment No. 867, to provide flow control authority to certain solid waste districts. (By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 164), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S6492-93, S6502-05**

(7) Chafee (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 861, to allow exemption from certain requirements of units in small, remote Alaska villages. **Page S6563**

(8) Chafee (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 868, to make a technical correction. **Pages S6563-64**

(9) Chafee (for Campbell) Amendment No. 869, to authorize the Administrator to exempt a landfill operator from ground water monitoring requirements in circumstances in which there is no chance of ground water contamination. **Page S6564**

(10) Chafee (for Dodd/Lieberman) Amendment No. 870, to define a public service authority. **Page S6564**

(11) Chafee (for Roth/Biden) Amendment No. 871, to make clear that flow control authority is provided to public service authorities and modify the condition for exercise of flow control authority. **Page S6564**

(12) Chafee (for Biden) Amendment No. 872, to modify the condition for exercise of flow control authority. **Page S6564**

(13) Chafee (for Smith/Thompson/Cohen) Amendment No. 873, to protect communities that enacted flow control ordinances after substantial construction of facilities but before May 15, 1994. **Pages S6564-65**

(14) Chafee (for Smith/Wellstone) Amendment No. 874, to modify the conditions on exercise of flow control authority. **Page S6565**

(15) Chafee (for Snowe) Amendment No. 875, to clarify the intent of the provision relating to the duration of flow control authority. **Page S6565**

(16) Chafee (for Pryor) Amendment No. 876, to provide for the case of a formation of a solid waste management district for the purchase and operation of an existing facility. **Page S6565**

(17) Chafee (for Cohen/Snowe) Amendment No. 877, to make clear that entering into a put or pay agreement satisfies the requirement of a legally binding provision and a designation of a facility. **Page S6565**

Rejected:

(1) Kyl Amendment No. 769, to authorize flow control for a limited period of time to ensure that States and political subdivisions are able to service debts incurred for the construction of solid waste management facilities prior to the Carbone decision. (By 79 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 162), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6479–85, S6489–92, S6494**

(2) Specter Modified Amendment No. 754, to express the sense of the Senate on taking all possible steps to combat domestic terrorism in the United States. (By 74 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 163), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6471, S6499–S6500**

(3) Hatch Amendment No. 755 (to Amendment No. 754), to express the sense of the Senate concerning the scheduling of hearings on Waco and Ruby Ridge in the near future. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 754, listed above, was tabled.) **Pages S6471, S6500**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, May 12, 1995, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Visit of Lee Teng-hui: Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of 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. **Page S6562**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Convention on Nuclear Safety (Treaty Doc. No. 104–6).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S6562–63**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Karl N. Stauber, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

12 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. **Pages S6566–73**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S6553–54**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—164) **Pages S6494, S6500, S6505**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 12, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S6563.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPLEMENTAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance for the Oklahoma City bombing for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—AID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the Agency for International Development, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 18.

APPROPRIATIONS—BIA/IHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Hilda A. Manuel, Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Harold A. Monteau, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission, all of the Department of the Interior; and Michael H. Trujillo, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 17.

VIOLENCE AT WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINICS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the incidence of violence at women's health clinics in the United States, after receiving testimony from Jamie S. Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Daniel R. Black, Deputy Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Valerie Kosceinik, Consumer Information and Referral Agency, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Jill June, Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, Des Moines; Bernie Smith, Milwaukee Women's Medical Services, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Judith M. DeSarno, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, Kate Michelman, National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, Pamela Maraldo, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; Katherine Splarr, Feminist Majority, Los Angeles, California; and Christine Kohl, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

APPROPRIATIONS—FTA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Transit Administration, after receiving testimony from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the national security implications of lowered export controls on dual-use technologies and United States defense capabilities, receiving testimony from Mitchel B. Wallerstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counterproliferation Policy, Al Volkman, Director, Armaments Cooperation, and Craig Wilson, Director, Intelligence Policy, Office of the Secretary, all of the Department of Defense; David Cooper, Director, Acquisition Policy Technology and Competitiveness Group, General Accounting Office; and Zachary Davis, Analyst, International Nuclear Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

Committee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION-DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness resumed 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, receiving testimony from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary

for Environmental Security, John Harrison, Executive Director, Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program, Jan B. Reitman, Staff Director, Environmental and Safety Policy Office, Defense Logistics Agency, and Robert E. Bayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Reinvestment and Brac, all of the Department of Defense; Thomas W. L. McCall, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health; Alma B. Moore, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health; Cheryl A. Kandaras, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Paul W. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics, and Environment; and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, May 15.

1996 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, after receiving testimony from Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; Montana Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D. Tweeten, Helena; New Mexico Assistant Attorney General for Natural Resources Charlie DeSaillan, Santa Fe; C. Keith Meiser, CSX Transportation, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida; Kevin L. McKnight, Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kenneth D. Jenkins, California State University, Long Beach; and Jerry A. Hausman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine the financial status of the Medicare program, receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Arthur S. Flemming, Save Our Security Coalition, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, May 16.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS REORGANIZATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations held hearings on proposals to reorganize and revitalize American foreign affairs institutions, receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary of State for Management; Michael Nacht, Assistant Director, Strategic and Eurasian Affairs Bureau, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Joseph Duffey, Director, United States Information Agency; and J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MIDDLE EAST ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs in the Middle East, receiving testimony from Robert Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Margaret Carpenter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, Agency for International Development; Molly K. Williamson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Middle East and African Affairs; Richard L. Armitage, Armitage Associates, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Arlington, Virginia; Richard W. Murphy, Council on Foreign Relations, former Assistant Secretary of State, New York, New York; and Neal M. Sher, American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and James J. Zogby, Arab American Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded oversight hearings on activities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, after receiving testimony from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

AVAILABILITY OF BOMB MAKING INFORMATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine the implications of the availability of bomb making information on the Internet, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Rabbi Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, California; William W. Burrington, America Online, Inc., Vienna, Virginia, on behalf of the Interactive Services

Association; Jerry Berman, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; and Frank Tuerkheimer, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Disability Policy held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, receiving testimony from Joseph Fisher, Tennessee Department of Education, and Herb Reith, Vanderbilt University, both of Nashville, Tennessee; Donald Deshler, University of Kansas, Lawrence; Nancy Diehl, Project STEP, Greeneville, Tennessee; Mitchell Levitz, Peekskill, New York; Will McCarthy, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Jaimi Lard, Boston, Massachusetts; Taylor Betz, Columbus, Ohio; Stacy Campbell, Westerville, Ohio; Monica Eberle, Knoxville, Tennessee; Danette Crawford, Des Moines, Iowa; Harvey Kimble, Urbandale, Iowa; Joanne Evans and Michael Miller, both of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Debbie Delp and Phyllis Gorman, both of Mason, Ohio; Sharon Gonder and Ingrid Caldwell, both of Fulton, Missouri; and Christine Hoyo and Matty Rodriguez-Walling, both of Miami, Florida.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, May 16.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine future management guidelines for the Smithsonian Institution, receiving testimony from Col. Charles D. Cooper, USAF (Ret.), Retired Officers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Herman G. Harrington, American Legion, and Bob Manhan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; R. E. Smith, Air Force Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Maj. Gen. Charles W. Sweeney, USAF (Ret.).

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 18.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the reorganization of the Veterans Health Administration and the impact of section 510 of Title 38, United States Code which requires VA to provide 90 days notice to the Congress before an administrative reorganization may take effect, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine future directions in private financing of long-term care, after receiving testimony

from Ellen Friedman, Ameritech, Chicago, Illinois; Stanley Wallack, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Coalition for Long Term Care Financing; Marilyn Moon, Urban Institute, Paul Willging, American Health Care Association, Val J. Halamandaris, National Association for Home Care, and Stephen McConnell, Alzheimer's

Association, on behalf of the Long Term Care Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; Mark E. Battista, UNUM Life Insurance Company of America, Portland, Maine; Gail Holubinka, New York State Partnership for Long Term Care, Albany; John Spear, Champaign, Illinois; and Jean Heintz, Portland, Oregon.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 1610–1622; and one resolution, H. Con. Res. 66 were introduced. **Pages H4872–73**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as followed:

H. Res. 144, providing for consideration of H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas (H. Rept. 104–116);

H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa (H. Rept. 104–117); and

H. Res. 146, providing for consideration of H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility (H. Rept. 104–118). **Page H4872**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Foley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4797**

Clean Water Act Amendments: House continued consideration of amendments on H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Friday, May 12. **Pages H4802–68**

Agreed To:

The Traficant en bloc amendment that restricts the EPA or a state from extending the deadline for point of source compliance and encourages the development and use of innovative pollution prevention technology; **Page H4803**

The Young of Alaska amendment that grants an application for a modification with respect to the discharge into marine waters of any pollutant from publicly owned treatment works serving Anchorage, Alaska; **Pages H4850–51**

The Riggs amendment that clarifies the anti-backsliding exceptions in the Clean Water Act and allows increased volumes of treated wastewater to be

discharged into a river or other body of water so long as water quality is not degraded; and **Pages H4857–58**

The Emerson amendment as amended by the Laughlin substitute that provides that the Federal Water Pollution Control Act does not apply with respect to the licensing of a hydroelectric project and provide a dispute resolution mechanism for the purposes of resolving conflicts or unreasonable consequences resulting from action taken relating to the issuance of a license for a hydroelectric project (agreed to by a recorded vote of 309 ayes to 100 noes, Roll No. 326). **Pages H4859–64**

Rejected:

The Pallone amendment that sought to strike language addressing secondary treatment requirements for sewage treatment plants (rejected by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 315); **Pages H4803–18**

The Mineta amendment that sought to revise language addressing stormwater management provisions; leave the industry under the stormwater discharge permit system; and include a moratorium extending EPA's deadline for compliance by commercial operations (rejected by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 316); **Pages H4818–22**

The Pallone amendment that sought to change the beach water quality monitoring provisions and place new standards for environmental assessment, closure procedures and health standards for beaches (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 317); **Pages H4822–25**

The Mineta amendment that sought to require the EPA to conduct risk assessments for the proposed regulatory reforms (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 318); **Pages H4825–27**

The Collins of Michigan en bloc amendment that sought to require the EPA to consider the consumption patterns of diverse segments of the population when setting water quality criteria; to post warning signs, propose and issue regulations establishing

minimum uniform requirements for waters that significantly violate water quality standards or are subject to a fishing or shellfish ban, advisory, or consumption restriction due to contamination; establish within 18 months of enactment, uniform and scientifically sound requirements and procedures for fish and shellfish sampling, monitoring of navigable waters that do not meet applicable water quality standards or are subject to fishing bans advisories, or consumption restrictions; review facility discharge permit applications so as to identify and reduce pollution having a disproportionately high and adverse impact on minority and low-income populations; and collect and analyze data on sources of pollution to which minority and low-income populations are exposed, and on pollutant discharges in waters which are adjacent to and or used by minority and low-income populations (rejected by a recorded vote 153 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 319);

Pages H4827–31

The Mineta amendment that sought to modify provisions relating to risk assessment and cost benefit analysis requirements by establishing an effective date of one year after the date of enactment for all risk assessment cost-benefit analysis (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 320);

Pages H4831–35

The DeFazio amendment that sought to exempt certain naval facilities from adhering to the water quality standards language (rejected by a recorded vote 126 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 321);

Pages H4835–38

The Nadler amendment that sought to strike provisions which allow States to downgrade designated uses of bodies of water if the cost of achieving the designated use status exceeds the benefits (rejected by a recorded vote 121 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 322);

Pages H4839–42

The Oberstar amendment that sought to strike provisions which delay compliance deadlines for State non-point source pollution control programs by one year for every year in which the bill is less than fully funded (rejected by a recorded vote of 122 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 323);

Pages H4842–45

The Pallone amendment that sought to establish mandatory minimum penalties for violations to the Clean Water Act; target repeat offenders by increasing penalties and inspection requirements for facilities that repeatedly violate their permits; to authorize citizens to sue for violations and prohibit the use of State administrative settlements as a means of precluding citizen suits and allow courts to use the proceeds of settlements and penalties against polluters to be targeted for use in mitigation projects (rejected by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 324); and

Pages H4845–50

The Visclosky amendment that sought to establish a National Clean Water Trust Fund (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 325).

Pages H4851–54

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit on Friday May 12 during the proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, International Relations, and Veterans' Affairs.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4797.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4817–18, H4821–22, H4825, H4827, H4830–31, H4834–35, H4838, H4841–42, H4844–45, H4850, H4853–54, and H4863–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GENERAL FARM BILL ISSUES

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on General Farm Bill issues. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on EEOC. Testimony was heard from Gilbert Casellas, Chairman, EEOC.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Keith R. Hall, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Intelligence and Security), Office of the Assistant Secretary (C3I); and Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Israel, USAF, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology).

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Air Force Airlift Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Darleen A. Druyun, Acting Assistant Secretary (Acquisition); and Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF, Commander, Air Mobility Command.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: By a recorded vote of 38 to 6, ordered reported amended H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 1996.

TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT CONSENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 558, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fields of Texas, Bonilla, and Coleman; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held an oversight hearing on HIV Testing of Women and Infants. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ackerman, Morella, and Pelosi; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Helene D. Gayle, M.D., Associate Director, Centers for Disease Control-Washington and Acting Director, National Center for Prevention Services; and James Balsley, M.D., Chief, Pediatric Medicine Branch, Division of AIDS, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; David H. Mulligan, Commissioner, Department of Public Health, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS LAW REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance continued hearings 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 services; 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. Testimony was heard from Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, National Telecommunications Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Anne Bingaman, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust, Department of Justice; Reed Hundt, Chairman, FCC; Lisa Rosenblum, Deputy Chairman, Public Service Commission, State of New York; Ronald Binz, Director,

Office of Consumer Counsel, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

TEAMWORK FOR EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on H.R. 743, Teamwork for Employees and Managers Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

Committee on International Relations: Continued markup of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act. Will continue tomorrow.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES—REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Administrative Conference of the United States. Testimony was heard from Thomasina V. Rogers, Director, Administrative Conference of the United States; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a 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 the 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. Testimony was heard from J. Phil Gilbert, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois; Ann Claire Williams, Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois; Paul Friedman, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on Recreation Fees on Federal Lands. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ALASKA POWER ADMINISTRATION SALE ACT; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1122, Alaska Power Administration Sale Act.

The Subcommittee also held 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; and H.R. 1070, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in Central Valley project, CA, as "Trinity Lake". Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; Rick L. Gold, Deputy Regional Director, Upper Colorado Regional Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; James Duffus III, Director, Natural Resources Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CORNING NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 535, Corning National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act. The bill and committee amendment printed in the bill shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Lincoln.

FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment under the five minute rule. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Lincoln.

NEW LONDON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility. The rule provides that the bill and committee amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Lincoln.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: WHAT WENT WRONG?

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Denver International Airport: What Went Wrong? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Federico Pena, Secretary; and Cynthia Rich, Associate Administrator, Airports, FAA; Mike Gryszkowiec, Director, Plan-

ning and Reporting, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Jim Delong, Director of Aviation, Denver International Airport; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care approved for full Committee action the following bills: 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; H.R. 1536, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend for 2 years an expiring authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with respect to determination of locality salaries for certain nurse anesthetist positions in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 1565, to amend title 38, United States Code, to amend title 38 United States Code, to extend through December 31, 1997, the period during which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to provide priority health care to certain veterans exposed to Agent Orange, ionizing radiation, or environmental hazards.

EXTENSION OF FAST TRACK TRADE NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House of the Committee on Rules held a joint hearing on Extension of Fast Track trade negotiating authority. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gephardt, Richardson and Kolbe; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 17.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS; EXTENSION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR DOD COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on extension of the legal authority for DOD commercial activities to provide security for DOD intelligence collection activities abroad. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, but

did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Appropriations, 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.

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.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance to continue hearings 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 services; 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.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the District of Columbia Schools, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Insurance Portability, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, 9:30 a.m., S-207, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 534, Solid Waste Disposal Act, with a cloture vote to occur thereon at 10 a.m.

Senate may also consider H.R. 483, Extended Use of Medicare Selected Policies.

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