

Monday, March 11, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1663–S1787

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1602–1603. **Page S1682**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996." (S. Rept. No. 104–238)

Report to accompany S. 605, Omnibus Property Rights Act. (S. Rept. No. 104–239) **Page S1682**

Continuing Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1668–78**

Adopted:

(1) Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 3468 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide additional funding to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for upper basin water storage in order to prevent flooding on its land in the Devils Lake Basin in North Dakota. **Pages S1675–78**

(2) Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 3469 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide additional funding to the Economic Development Administration for assistance to prevent flooding in the Devils Lake Basin in North Dakota. **Pages S1675–78**

(3) Hatfield (for Dole) Amendment No. 3470 (to Amendment No. 3466), to broaden the definition of "educational expenses" covered under the Police Corps Program. **Page S1678**

(4) Hatfield (for Hollings/Inouye) Amendment No. 3471 (to Amendment No. 3466), to grant U.S.I.A. multi-year contract authority for the Tinian relay station. **Page S1678**

Pending:

Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1670–78**

Daschle (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3467 (to Amendment No. 3466), to restore \$3.1 billion funding for education programs to the fiscal year 1995 levels. **Pages S1671–75**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Tuesday, March 12, 1996.

Whitewater Investigation—Cloture Motion Filed: A second motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, March 13, 1996. **Page S1678**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States: Received on Friday, March 8, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate:

Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–129). **Page S1679**

Received today:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–130). **Pages S1679–80**

Appointments:

Naval Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968 (a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy: Senators Hatfield and Mikulski from the Committee on Appropriations, Senator McCain from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Sarbanes, At-Large. **Page S1678**

Military Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(A), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senators Cochran and Reid from the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Hutchison from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Levin, At-Large. **Page S1678**

Air Force Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10

U.S.C. 9355 (a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy: Senators Burns and Hollings from the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Kempthorne from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Exon, At-Large. **Page S1678**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard. **Pages S1785–87**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination: Linda Colvin Rhodes, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on August 10, 1995. **Page S1787**

Messages From the President: **Pages S1679–80**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 4:22 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday,

March 12, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1784–85.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on the future of Social Security, focusing on the original intent of the program, expectations of different generations, and changes necessary to ensure that retirees born after 1946 will be treated fairly relative to current and past retirees, receiving testimony from Shirley S. Chater, Commissioner, and Harry Ballantyne, Chief Actuary, both of the Social Security Administration; Alden Levy, Third Millennium, New York, New York; Matthew Miller, The New Republic, Los Angeles, California; and Neil Howe, Great Falls, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fink, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

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

Committee Meetings

PERSIAN GULF WAR SYNDROME

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on the status of efforts to identify Persian Gulf War Syndrome, Part I. Testimony was heard from Robyn Nishimi, President's Advisory Committee on Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses; the following officials of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences: David Rall, M.D., Foreign Secretary; and John Bailar, M.D., Chairman, Committee to Review the Health

Consequences of Service During the Persian Gulf War; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 28.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine international crime, terrorism, and narcotics, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense plan, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, closed business meeting, to consider Tailhook and related nominations, 5 p.m., SR-222.