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Small Business Regulatory Reform: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 43), Senate passed S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities. **Pages S2309–21**

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on a fourth cloture motion 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, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Product Liability Conference Report—Cloture Vote/Consideration Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Public/Federal Grasslands Management—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Appointments:

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. Section 276h–276k, appointed Senator Hutchison as the chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union during the second session of the 104th Congress. **Page S2340**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the budget of the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–133). **Pages S2325–27**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total–43) **Pages S2278–81, S2283, S2309, S2316**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2340.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, United States European Command; Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander in Chief, United States Central Command; Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command; and Rear Adm. James B. Perkins III, USN, Acting Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, March 21.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of the Navy Expeditionary Warfare Programs, receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. J.L. Jones, USMC, Director Expeditionary Warfare, Rear Adm. John O. Pearson, USN, Commander, Mine Warfare Command, and Rear Adm. Richard D. Williams III, USN, Program Executive officer for Mine Warfare, all of the Department of the Navy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 21.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Gaston L. Gianni Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Eizenstat was introduced by Senator Coverdell.

FCC REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, receiving testimony from Dennis R. Patrick, Time Warner, Inc., Kenneth Gordon, National Economic Research Associates, Albert Halprin, Halprin, Temple, Goodman & Sugrue, and Kenneth Robinson, all of Washington, D.C.; Cheryl L. Parrino, Wisconsin Public Utilities Commission, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners; and Harry M. Shooshan, Strategic Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the threat of terrorism and its impact on the Middle East peace process, receiving testimony from L. Paul Bremer III, Kissinger Associates, Inc., New York, New York; Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.; Seif Ashmawy, Voice of Peace, Newark, New Jersey; and Vincent M. Cannistraro, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine activities involving mismanagement of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program which authorizes certain government agencies to seize property related to

criminal conduct, focusing on United States Marshals Service operation of the Bicycle Club Casino in Bell Gardens, California under the Federal Asset Forfeiture Program, receiving testimony from Laurie E. Ekstrand, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, and James M. Blume, Assistant Director, both of the General Government Division, and Gary T. Engel, Assistant Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, and Kenneth Holecko, Assistant Director, both of the United States Marshals Service, and Gerald E. McDowell, Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, Criminal Division, all of the Department of Justice; James F. Lisowski, Sr., Lisowski Law Firm, Chtd., Las Vegas, Nevada; Thomas Atherton and Douglas Sparkes, both of Los Angeles, California, and Harry J. Richard, Bell Gardens, California, all on behalf of the Bicycle Club Casino; and Hollman Cheung, an incarcerated witness.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—HATE CRIME STATISTICS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S. 1624, to permanently authorize funds for programs of the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, receiving testimony from Charles W. Archer, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Mayor Emanuel Cleaver II, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Bobby Moody, Covington, Georgia, on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; Steve Arent, Anti-Defamation League, New York, New York; and Karen McGill Lawson, Leadership Conference Education Fund, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE REFORM

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals for the renewal and reform of the United States intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Stansfield Turner, William Webster, and R. James Woolsey, all former Directors of Central Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3107–3116; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 164 were introduced.

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: Report entitled "National Drug Policy: A Review of the Status of the Drug War" (H. Rept. 104–486).