

Thursday, March 21, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Product Liability Conference Report.

Senate passed Public Rangelands Management Act.

House/Senate passed Further Continuing Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2553–S2735*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1632–1639. **Page S2646**

#### Measures Passed:

*Public/Federal Grasslands Management:* By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 50), Senate passed S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S2591–S2622**

#### Adopted:

Domenici Modified Amendment No. 3555, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2591–S2621**

#### Rejected:

Bumpers Modified Amendment No. 3556 (to Amendment No. 3555), to maintain the current formula used to calculate grazing fees for small ranchers with 2000 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) or less, with certain minimum fees, and establish a separate grazing fee for large ranchers with more than 2000 AUMs. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 48), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2591–S2600**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3559 (to Amendment No. 3555), in the nature of a substitute. (By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 49), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2600–21**

#### Withdrawn:

Pressler Amendment No. 3560 (to Amendment No. 3555), to preserve sporting activities on the National Grasslands. **Page S2621**

*Further Continuing Appropriations:* Senate passed H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2621**

*Military Stability in the Taiwan Straits:* By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 51), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 148, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding missile tests and military exercises by the People's Republic of China, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2622–27**

Thomas Amendment No. 3562, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2622–25**

**Product Liability Conference Report:** By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 46), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation. **Pages S2553–91**

**Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote:** By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree 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. **Page S2591**

**Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act:** Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, Simpson, Biden, and Kennedy. **Pages S2719–35**

**Administration of Presidio Properties—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, on Monday, March 25, 1996. **Page S2735**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth C. Brill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Genta Hawkins Holmes, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, as Ambassador to Australia.

Thomas C. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Palau.

Day Olin Mount, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Glen Robert Rase, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Calvin D. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—51)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, March 25, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2735.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for Army and Navy military construction programs, receiving testimony from Robert M. Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics and Environment; and Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installation and Environment.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 16.

### 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 military strategies, operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Strategic Command; Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Commander in Chief, United States Special Operations Command.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 28.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of the Navy Shipbuilding programs, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 26.

### GUARD AND RESERVE READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the readiness of the Guard and Reserve to support the National Military Strategy, receiving testimony from Richard Davis, Director, and Robert Pelletier, Assistant Director, both of the National Security Analysis, General Accounting Office; and Deborah Lee, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### FANNIE MAE/FREDDIE MAC

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Federal Housing Enterprises Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 and its impact on the role the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) have on the Nation's mortgage finance system, receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae, and Leland C. Brendsel, Freddie Mac, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**PARKS/BATTLEFIELDS**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 305, to establish the Shenandoah Valley National Battlefields and Commission in the Commonwealth of Virginia, H.R. 1091, to improve the National Park System in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 1225, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an inventory of historic sites, buildings, and artifacts in the Champlain Valley and the Upper Hudson River Valley in Vermont, including the Lake George area, S. 1226, to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a study of battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and to establish an American Battlefield Protection Program, and S.J. Res. 42, designating the Civil War Center at Louisiana State University as the United States Civil War Center, making the center the flagship institution for planning the sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War, after receiving testimony from Senators Breaux and Warner; Representatives Wolf and Bliley; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, and Ed Bearss, Historian Emeritus, both of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Townsend H. Anderson, Vermont State Agency of Development and Community Affairs, Montpelier; Ann Sullivan Cousins, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Grand Isle, Vermont; Louise Ransom, Mount Independence Coalition, Williston, Vermont; David Madden, United States Civil War Center/Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge; Gabor Boritt, Civil War Institute/Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Dennis E. Frye, Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, Fredericksburg, Virginia; and James B. Donati, Jr., Henrico County Board of Supervisors, Richmond, Virginia; and Eileen Woodford, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.

**CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee resumed hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), receiving testimony from Douglas J. Feith, Feith and Zell, Washington, D.C.; Kathleen C. Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California; Brad Roberts, Institute for Defense Analysis, Alexandria, Virginia; and Frederick L. Webber, Chemical Manufacturers Association, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, March 28.

**TENTH AMENDMENT ENFORCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 1629, to protect the rights of the States and the people from abuse by the Federal Government, to strengthen the partnership and the intergovernmental relationship between State and Federal governments, to restrain Federal agencies from exceeding their authority, and to enforce the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, receiving testimony from Senators Dole, Hatch, and Nickles; Virginia Attorney General James S. Gilmore III, Richmond; South Carolina Attorney General Charles Molony Condon, Columbia; Colorado Solicitor General Timothy M. Tymkovich, Denver; Alaska State Representative Eldon Mulder, Juneau; Ohio State Representative Patrick Sweeney, Columbus; New York State Senator James Lack, Albany; Nelson Lund, George Mason University School of Law, Fairfax, Virginia; and John Kincaid, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and reducing the use of welfare by aliens. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates the text of S. 269.)

**AUTHORIZATION—INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION**

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 1578, to authorize funds for programs of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.

**HUBZONE ACT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings on S. 1574, to create new opportunities for growth and jobs in economically distressed urban and rural communities, receiving testimony from C. Austin Fitts, Hamilton Securities Group, Inc., and Marvin G. Harris, Bridget J.C. McLaurin, and Wanda Riddick, all of Edgewood Technology Services Inc., all on behalf of e.villages, and Raj Barr-Kumar, American Institute of Architects, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3134–3151; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 166–167, and H. Res. 387 were introduced. **Pages H2664–65**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 388, providing for consideration of H.R. 125, to repeal the ban on semiautomatic assault weapons and the ban on large capacity ammunition feeding devices (H. Rept. 104–490);

Conference report on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority (H. Rept. 104–491); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States (H. Rept. 104–459, Part IV).

**Pages H2640–52**

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

**Page H2561**

**Tea Importation Act:** House passed H.R. 2969, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

**Page H2577**

**Privileged Resolution:** House agreed to H. Res. 387, returning S. 1518, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

**Pages H2577–78**

**Continuing Appropriations:** By a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 83, the House passed H.J. Res. 165, making further appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

**Pages H2578–88**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to provide the necessary funding during the period of the joint resolution to avert all layoffs of instructional school personnel whose salaries are paid in whole or in part by programs of the Department of Education for the 1996–1997 academic year (re-

jected by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 82).

**Pages H2578–87**

H. Res. 386, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered and which waived the requirements of clause 4(b) of rule XI of the House with respect to consideration of certain resolutions, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 81. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 80.

**Pages H2565–77**

**Permission to Sit:** House agreed to the Arney motion that, pursuant to clause 2(i) of rule XI, for today and the balance of the week all committees be granted special leave to sit while the House is reading a measure for amendment under the five-minute rule.

**Pages H2588–89**

**Immigration Reform:** By a recorded vote of 333 ayes to 87 noes Roll No. 89, the House passed H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States.

**Pages H2589–H2640**

Rejected the Bryant motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrant worker regulations designed to protect United States workers from being laid off and replaced by temporary foreign workers (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 88).

**Pages H2636–39**

**Agreed To:**

Agreed to the Chrysler amendment, as modified, that strikes language placing new limits on the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country annually, and the specific categories of those immigrants (agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 84); and

**Pages H2589–H2603**

The Rohrabacher amendment that repeals a provision in current law allowing certain illegal aliens to apply for permanent status and remain in the United States while their applications are being adjudicated.

**Pages H2603–04**

Rejected:

The Pombo amendment, as amended by the Condit amendment, that sought to modify the current temporary agriculture worker program by replacing the labor certification requirement with a labor attestation requirement; create an alternative pilot program, authorized for three years, requiring employers to file a form with the area's State employment security agency stating the wage rate of jobs which must be tied to comparable prevailing wages for that area, that the job is seasonal i.e., not more than 10 months in a 12-month period, and that the jobs will not adversely affect other area workers; provides for a two-year phaseout of the guest worker program should the pilot program become permanent; require employers to offer temporary agriculture workers reasonable housing; directs employers to hold twenty-five percent of the temporary agriculture worker's salary in a trust fund administered by the Justice Department which would be available to workers when they returned to their home countries; and require employers to pay Federal unemployment tax and make Federal insurance contributions on behalf of the workers to reimburse Justice, Labor and State Departments for the costs of administering the funds (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 85);

**Pages H2604–21**

The Goodlatte amendment that sought to modify the current agricultural guest worker program by transferring from the Labor Department to the Immigration and Naturalization Service; to provide for no more than 100,000 foreign workers to be admitted under the program each year; to shorten from 60 days to 40 days the maximum amount of the time in advance of needing workers that employers could be required to submit petitions; and to limit to 20 days the time period during which the Department could require an employer to conduct active recruitment efforts for eligible workers (rejected by a recorded vote of 59 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 86); and

**Pages H2621–26, H2629**

The Burr amendment that sought to extend the H-IA nonimmigrant nurse program for six months after the date of enactment; (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 87).

**Pages H2626–30**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, the table of contents, and punctuation and to make such other stylistic, clerical, technical, and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2640**

**Further Appropriations:** Agreed to the Livingston motion to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 3019, making further appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced

budget, disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference. Appointed as conferees:

For consideration of the House Bill (except for section 101(c)) and the Senate amendment (except for section 101 (d)), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Livingston, Myers of Indiana, Young of Florida, Regula, Lewis of California, Porter, Rogers, Skeen, Wolf, Vucanovich, Lightfoot, Callahan, Walsh, Obey, Yates, Stokes, Bevill, Murtha, Wilson, Dixon, Hefner, and Mollohan.

For consideration of section 101(c) of the House bill and section 101(d) of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Porter, Young of Florida, Bonilla, Istook, Miller of Florida, Dickey, Riggs, Wicker, Livingston, Obey, Stokes, Hoyer, Pelosi, and Lowey.

**Pages H2652–54**

Rejected the Obey motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to agree to the Position in the Senate amendment increasing funding above the levels in the House bill for programs of the Department of Education; agree to the position in the Senate amendment increasing funding above the levels in the House bill for programs of the Environmental Protection Agency; agree to the position in the Senate amendment that provides a minimum of \$975 million from within the \$1.9 provided for Local Law Enforcement Block Grants within the Department of Justice for the Public Safety and Community Policing grants pursuant to title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (COPS on the beat program); agree to the position in the Senate amendment increasing funding above levels in the House bill for job training and worker protection programs of the Department of labor; agree to the position in the senate amendment deleting Title V of the House bill; agree to the position in the Senate amendment specifying a maximum grant award to \$2,500 under the Pell Grant Program; and agree to the position in the Senate amendment providing fiscal year 1997 funding of \$1 billion for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 90). **Pages H2652–54**

**Referral:** One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H2663**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2561, H2652.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2665.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2576, H2576–77, H2587, H2587–88, H2602–03, H2621, H2629, H2629–30, H2638–39, H2639–40, and H2653–54.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and on the Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dan Glickman, Secretary; and Michael Taylor, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and Chief of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams, USA, Chief of Engineers.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Haiti. Testimony was heard from Alexander Watson, Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs, Department of State.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Foreign Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from John M. Deutch, Director, CIA.

The subcommittee also held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense, Department of Defense.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard

from Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

### OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING; AND THE U.S. MINT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy oversight hearing on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and the U.S. Mint. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Larry Rolufs, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and Philip Diehl, Director, U.S. Mint.

### ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1997 budget submission. Testimony was heard from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, OMB.

### MERCURY-CONTAINING AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY MANAGEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 2024 and S. 619, Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Shapiro, Director, Office of Solid Waste, EPA; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE RADIO SPECTRUM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on Federal Management of the Radio Spectrum, with emphasis on Advanced Television Spectrum. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; Robert M. Pepper, Chief, Office of Plans and Policy, FCC; David Moore, Senior Analyst, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, CBO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles; and H.R. 2531, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the exemption for houseparents from the minimum wage and maximum hours requirements of that Act.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

*Committee on House Oversight:* Held a hearing on Campaign-Finance Reform, with emphasis on Influencing Elections: Political Activity of Labor Unions. Testimony was heard from Tom Durbin and Paige Whitaker, Legislative Attorneys, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**IRAN OIL SANCTIONS ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3107, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996.

**NICARAGUA—CURRENT ISSUES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing to review current issues in Nicaragua. Testimony was heard from Representative Díaz-Balart; John Hamilton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central America, Department of State; Mark L. Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Latin America and the Caribbean, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and a public witness.

**OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on Fetal Death or Dangerous Deception? The Effects of Anesthesia During a Partial-Birth Abortion. Testimony was heard from Representative Coburn; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2092, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995; H.R. 2137, amended, Megan's Law; H.R. 2453, amended, Fugitive Detention Act of 1995; H.R. 2641, amended, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995; H.R. 2803, Anti-Car Theft Improvements Act of 1995; H.R. 2974, amended, Crimes Against Children and Elderly Persons Punishment and Prevention Act of 1995; H.R. 2980, amended, Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996; H.R. 2996, amended, Law Enforcement and Industrial Security Cooperation Act of 1996; and H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities continued hearings on national defense authorization, with emphasis on the military construction budget request. Testimony

was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment; RAdm. David J. Nash, USN, Commander, Facilities Engineering Command; RAdm. G. Dennis Vaughn, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Reserve; and Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Marine Corps; the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations; Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, Civil Engineer; Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, USAF, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. John A. Bradley, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Air Force Reserve.

**RESERVE FORCES REVITALIZATION ACT**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on H.R. 1646, Reserve Forces Revitalization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Deborah R. Lee, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Vice Chief, Naval Operations; Gen. Richard D. Hearney, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps; Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force; and public witnesses.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a joint hearing on national defense authorization, with emphasis on Department of Defense and Department of Energy environmental programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas B. Grumbly, Acting Under Secretary, Department of Energy; Sherry W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security, Department of Defense; Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; Cindy Williams, Assistant Director, National Security Division, CBO; Jay C. Davis, Associate Director, Environmental Programs, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 29.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Research and Development continued hearings on national defense authorization, with emphasis on ballistic missile defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense:

Kent Stansbury, Deputy Director, Arms Control Implementation and Compliance; Franklin Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Police; and Lt. Gen. Malcolm O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—ENERGY POLICY

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources continued oversight hearings on energy policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy Secretary, Energy Programs; and David F. Morehouse, Senior Petroleum Geologist, Energy Information Administration; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Michael Dombeck, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management; David W. Houseknecht, Program Director for Energy, U.S. Geological Survey; and Thomas Readinger, Deputy Associate Director, Resources and Environmental Management, Minerals Management Service; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on Marine Sanctuaries Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Deutsch; Jeffrey Benoit, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LANDS AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on Federal lands and Federal regulation of private property. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy Resources and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### GUN CRIME ENFORCEMENT AND SECOND AMENDMENT RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 125, Gun Crime Enforcement and Second Amendment Restoration Act of 1996. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules is considered as adopted. The rule provides for consideration in the House with 1 hour of debate equally divided between Rep. Chapman of Texas or Rep. Barr of Georgia, and Rep. Conyers of Michigan or his designee. The previous question is ordered to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions, may only be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr, Heineman, Shays,

Horn, Christensen, Neumann, Stockman, Conyers, Schumer, Jackson-Lee, and Chapman.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the fiscal year 1997 budget requests for the following: Department of Energy; EPA and NOAA; and Safe Drinking Water Act reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Joseph F. Vivona, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy; D. James Baker, Administrator, NOAA and Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Robert J. Huggert, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and a public witness.

#### SBA BUDGET

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on the U.S. Small Business Administration Fiscal Year 1997 Budget. Testimony was heard from Philip Lader, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

#### ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET—IMPACT HIGHWAY AND AVIATION TRUST FUNDS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing to determine the impact of the Administration's Budget on the highway and aviation trust funds. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

#### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doolittle, Fazio, Matsui, Pombo, Norton, Moran, Hamilton, Miller of California, Tauzin, Hoyer, Coyne, Lipinski, Flanagan, Ortiz, Visclosky, Dornan, Kim, Pallone, Whitfield, Gilchrest, Pastor, Franks of New Jersey, Baker of California, Kingston, Farr, Woolsey, Lincoln, Stupak, Dickey, Seastrand, English of Pennsylvania, Riggs, Weldon of Florida, Bentsen, Ward, LoBiondo, Lofgren, Buyer, and Gene Green of Texas; John H. Zirschky, Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care held an oversight hearing on VA Medical Care and Construction Priorities for Fiscal Year 1997. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans

Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 2754, Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act; and H.R. 2337, Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2.

### AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session hearing on Aerial Reconnaissance. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### 1996 FARM BILL

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D220)

H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to certain tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone. Signed March 20, 1996. (P.L. 104-117)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine global proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, 9 a.m., SD-342.

#### House

*Committee on the Budget,* to continue hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 1997 budget submission, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 2521, Statistical Consolidation Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995: A One Year Review, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to mark up H.R. 361, Omnibus Export Administration Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on ethics in government and lobbying reform proposals, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security,* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue joint hearings on the fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization, with emphasis on the Air Force modernization request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider Disposition of Senate amendments to H.R. 1833, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1995, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on fiscal year 1997 NSF authorization, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

#### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee,* to hold hearings to examine the state of the economy, focusing on whether it is the healthiest economy in three decades, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Monday, March 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, March 22

## Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative program is scheduled.

## House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 125, Gun Crime Enforcement and Second Amendment Restoration Act of 1996 (closed rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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