

Friday, May 3, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4653–S4695*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1728. **Page S4676**

#### Measures Passed:

*Chattahoochee Compact:* Senate passed H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4685**

*Water Resources Research Authorization:* Senate passed H.R. 1743, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4685–86**

*Trinity River Basin Fish/Wildlife Management Authorization:* Senate passed H.R. 2243, to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4685–86**

*Water Desalinization Research and Development Act:* Senate passed S. 811, to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4685–88**

*Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge:* Senate passed H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4688–90**

Cohen (for Moynihan/D'Amato) Amendment No. 3957, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. **Pages S4688–90**

*National Correctional Officers and Employees Week:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 243, to designate the week of May 5, 1996, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4690**

*White House Travel Office/Former Employees:* Senate began consideration of H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4670–72**

Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 3952, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4670–71**

(2) Dole Amendment No. 3953 (to Amendment No. 3952), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4671**

(3) Dole Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3953), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4671**

(4) Dole motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S4671**

(5) Dole Amendment No. 3955 (to the instructions to the motion to refer), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Pages S4671–72**

(6) Dole Amendment No. 3956 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4672**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at 2:15 p.m. **Page S4672**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill on Monday, May 6, 1996. **Page S4690**

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

Michael Kantor, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 1999.

Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

David D. Spears, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2000. **Page S4695**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S4676–77**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S4677**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4677–78**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4678–85**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:27 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 6, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4690.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for the Department of Veterans Affairs, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 8.

### TRANSPORTATION MOTOR FUELS TAX

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on proposals to repeal the 4.3 cents per gallon transportation motor fuels tax as imposed by the Omnibus

Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, receiving testimony from Thomas J. Donahue, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Edwin L. Harper, Association of American Railroads, Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and Susan Perry, American Bus Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Melvin Sherbert, Suitland, Maryland, on behalf of the Service Station Dealers of America.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, May 2, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Walker D. Miller, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Nina Gershon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, W. Craig Broadwater, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Dean D. Pregerson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Miller was introduced by Senator Brown, Ms. Gershon was introduced by Senators Moynihan and D'Amato, Mr. Sargus was introduced by Senators Glenn and DeWine, Mr. Broadwater was introduced by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Ms. Lemmon was introduced by Senators Johnston and Breaux and Representative Tauzin, and Mr. Pregerson was introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein. Testimony was also received on the nomination of Ms. Lemmon from Chief Judge Morey Sear, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT-UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D405)

S.J. Res. 53, making corrections to Public Law 104-134. Signed May 2, 1996. (P.L. 104-140)

### BILL VETOED

H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation. Vetoed May 2, 1996.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 6 through 11, 1996

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2937, relating to former employees of the White House Travel Office.

On *Tuesday*, Senate expects to complete consideration of H.R. 2937, relating to former employees of the White House Travel Office, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the bill to occur at 2:15 p.m., and may begin consideration of the following:

S. 1318, AMTRAK Authorizations;

H.R. 849, Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1995; or

Any legislative or executive item cleared for consideration.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, May 7, 1996, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.*)

#### House Chamber

*Monday*, No legislative business is scheduled.

*Tuesday*, Consideration of the following 2 suspensions:

1. H.R. 2137, Megan's Law; and

2. H.R. 2980, Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996.

Consideration of H.R. 2974, Crimes against Children and Elderly Persons Increased Punishment Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 3120, Regarding witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

*Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday*, Consideration of H.R. 3322, authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for civilian science activities of the Federal Government;

Consideration of H. Res. 416, establishing a Select Subcommittee of the Committee on International Relations to investigate the United States role in Iranian arms transfer to Croatia and Bosnia;

Consideration of H. Res. 417, providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Subcommittee on the United States role in Iranian Arms Transfers to Croatia and Bosnia of the Committee on International Relations in the Second Session of the 104th Congress;

Consideration of H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs and promote the adoption of minority children (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H. Con. Res. , FY 1997 Budget Resolution (subject to a rule).

NOTE.—Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further program will be announced later.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 8, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on environmental programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 8, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Endowment for the Arts, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 8 and 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, *Wednesday*, for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m.; *Thursday*, for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, 10 a.m.; for the Small Business Administration, 2 p.m.; *Wednesday* at 10 a.m.,

Thursday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

May 8, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2 p.m., SD-192.

May 8, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, 2 p.m., SD-138.

May 9, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Transit Administration, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Labor, 1 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 7, Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 7, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for the U.S. Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-385.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 7, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1662, to establish areas of wilderness and recreation in the State of Oregon, 2 p.m., SD-366.

May 9, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the recent increase in gasoline prices, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* May 7, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the General Service Administration's Public Buildings Service program request for fiscal year 1997 and on disposal of GSA-held property in Springfield, Virginia, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* May 8, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 2853, relating to most favored nation status for Bulgaria, H.R. 1642, relating to most favored nation status for Cambodia, and H.R. 3074, relating to tariff treatment of products imported from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 8, to hold hearings on the nominations of Dennis K. Hayes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Dennis C. Jett, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Donald J. Planty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* May 9, to hold oversight hearings on the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* May 7, to resume hearings on S. 1284, to amend title 17 to adapt the copyright law to the digital, networked environment of the National Information Infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-106.

May 8, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine Federal programs relating to youth violence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* May 7, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

May 8, Full Committee, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 1643, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1997 through 2001 for programs of the Older Americans Act, and to mark up S. 1360, to ensure personal privacy with respect to medical records and health care-related information, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

May 9, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Family and Medical Leave Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* May 8, to resume hearings on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and to reform the financing of Federal elections and Senate campaigns, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business:* May 10, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to Small Business Investment Company reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veteran's Affairs:* May 8, to hold hearings to examine the reform of health care priorities, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* May 9, to hold oversight hearings on the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in Seminole Tribe v. Florida on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters:* May 7, 8 and 9, to resume hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* May 8, hearing to investigate into the use, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, of federal funds authorized under Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act to obtain services from private contractors, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on seafood inspection, 9 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 7, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 2 p.m., and on Telecommunications Issues, 3 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 7, Subcommittee on Interior, on Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

May 7, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., and on Employment and Training Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on Trade Promotion and Enforcement, 10 a.m., and on Immigration and Border Security, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on all other Department of Labor (except OSHA), 10 a.m., and on Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on Congressional witnesses, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

May 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., on Securities and Exchange Commission, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn, and on Department of State Under Secretary for Management, 2 p.m., H-310 Capitol.

May 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Howard University and Special Institutions for the Disabled, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Education, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

May 10, Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 9 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, May 9, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to mark up the Administration's fiscal year 1997 authorization for International Financial Institutions, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, May 7, Subcommittee on Commerce Trade and Hazardous Materials, hearing on International Telecommunications Trade Issues, 10 a.m., and to mark up H.R. 2579, Travel and Tourism Partnership Act, 3:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on the Future of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities*, May 8, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Prevention Programs under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 9, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, May 8, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Personnel Issues in Downsizing, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 8, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Superfund: A Badly Broken Program in Urgent Need of Reform, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Oversight of the 1996 National Drug Control Strategy, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 9, full Committee, to consider pending business, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Source Country Programs and their importance to the Nation's Drug Strategy, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 10, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, oversight hearing on the GSA, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 10, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Food Safety: Oversight of the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, May 8, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Victims of Torture, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, May 9, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding economic espionage, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding projected increases in legal immigration, 1 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, May 8, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the nation's seabed, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2908, Domesticated Salmonid Broodstock and Seedstock Act of 1996; H.R. 2939, Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement Act of 1996; and H.R. 1112, to transfer management of the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge to the State of Oklahoma, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 9, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2626, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, May 7, to consider the following: H.R. 3322, Omnibus Civilian Science Authorization Act of 1996; H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act of 1996; and H.R. 3286, Adoption Promotion and Stability Act of 1996.

*Committee on Science*, May 8, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Department of Energy's FY 1997 budget request for the Office of Energy Research, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 8, hearing on music licensing and small business, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, May 7, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEA reauthorization: The Federal Role for Transportation and National Interests, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 9, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard Missions' Review Acquisitions, Research and Development, and Domestic and International Icebreaking, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, May 8, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3118, Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3376, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1997; H.R. 3373, Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1996; and H.R. 1483, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

May 8, Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs and the Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, joint oversight hearing on the Court of Veterans Appeals Pro Bono Program; veterans' COLAs; and the *Davenport v. Brown* decision, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

May 8, Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, to mark up H.R. 3118, Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996; and H.R. 3376 to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases

for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1997, 8:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, May 8, hearing to examine the Impact of the 1993 Tax Increase on Transportation Fuels, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, May 7, executive, to mark up fiscal year 1997 Intelligence Authorization, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 9, executive, to mark up Intelligence Community in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Committee on the Library*: May 7, business meeting, to consider a report of the General Accounting Office on the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., SR-301.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: May 9, to hold a briefing on rebuilding Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on strategies and the role of the United States, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, May 6

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the recognition of the Majority and Minority Leaders or their designees, and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2937, relating to the White House Travel Office/Former Employees.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, May 6

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** No legislative business is scheduled.



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