

# 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.