

Friday, May 10, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 13, 1996, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee began consideration of S. 704, to authorize funds to establish the Gambling Impact Study Commission to study and report to the President and the Congress, all matters relating to the impact of gambling on States and possible alternative sources of State revenue, but did not take final action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, May 14.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY REFORM

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen, expand and improve the Small Business Administration Small Business Investment Company program, receiving testimony from Patricia R. Forbes, Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Economic Development, Small Business Administration; Harvey L. Granat, Sterling Commercial Capital, Great Neck, New York; Terry L. Jones, SYNCOM Capital Corporation, Silver Spring, Maryland; and C. Walter Dick, Pioneer Capital Corporation/Pioneer Ventures, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3433–3447; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 175–177, and H. Res. 431–432 were introduced. **Pages H4901–02**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1483, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error (H. Rept. 104–571); and

H.R. 3373, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve certain veterans' benefits programs.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Rogers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4803**

Journal: By a ye-and-nay vote of 317 yeas to 71 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 163, the

House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, May 9. **Page H4807**

Adoption of Minority Children: By a ye-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 165, the House passed H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption cost, and to promote the adoption of minority children. **Pages H4807–22**

Rejected the Young amendment that sought to eliminate provisions dealing with adoption of Indian children and Indian child custody proceedings (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 164). **Pages H4807–21**

Department of Defense Authorization: By a ye-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 149 nays, Roll No. 166, House agreed to H. Res. 430, providing for consideration of H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for

fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997. **Pages H4822–36**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of May 13. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Tuesday.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, May 14, it adjourn to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15 for the purpose of receiving former Members of Congress. **Page H4837**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of May 15. **Page H4837**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4807, H4821, H4821–22, and H4836. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

VETERANS AFFAIRS-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies concluded appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 1997.

OVERSIGHT—GSA

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held an oversight hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: David J. Barram, Acting Administrator; David L. Bibb, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service; Frank Pugliese, Commissioner, Federal Supply Service; and Marty Wagner, Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation; and public witnesses.

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on Food Safety: Oversight of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael Friedman, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, FDA; Stephen Sundlof, D.V.M., Director,

Center for Veterinary Medicine; and Fred Shank, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 13 through 18, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume 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 Dole Amendment No. 3961, to repeal the 4.3 cent gas tax to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider any legislative or executive item cleared for consideration.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 15, to hold hearings to examine how the Commodity Futures Trading Commission oversees markets in times of volatile prices and tight supplies, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: May 14 and 16, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Tuesday, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for foreign assistance programs, focusing on narcotics, 10 a.m.; Thursday, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the New Independent States, 10 a.m.; Tuesday in SD-192 and Thursday in SD-106.

May 14, 15 and 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, Tuesday, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m.; for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m.; Thursday, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m.; for the Department of State, 2 p.m.; Tuesday at 2 p.m., Wednesday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 2 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

May 15, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

May 15, Subcommittee on Defense, closed briefing on F-22, F-18 and Joint Strike Fighter Programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 15 and 17, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, Wednesday, for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m.;