

\$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms.

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Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution with amendments to be proposed thereto on Friday, May 17, 1996.

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#### Appointments:

*U.S. Military Academy:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Kohl, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy, vice Senator Reid.

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

Transmitting the report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-146).

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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

J. Rene Josey, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—119)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 17, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5177)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/STATE DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; and Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/NIS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance to the New Independent States (N.I.S.), receiving testimony from Richard L. Morningstar, U.S. Coordinator for N.I.S. Assistance, Department of State; Thomas A. Dine, Assistant Administrator for Europe and the N.I.S., U.S. Agency for International Development; and Constantine Menges, George Washington University, and Eugene Iwanciw, Central and East European Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 21.

### APPROPRIATIONS—COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the United States Coast Guard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

## MISSION TO PLANET EARTH

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on the status and purpose of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Mission to Planet Earth Program, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Kennel, Associate Administrator, Doug Norton, Director of Management Integration, both of the Office of Mission to Planet Earth, and Fritz Hasler, Research Meteorologist and Manager of Public Use of Remote Sensing Data, Goddard Space Flight Center, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Robert S. Winokur, Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Donald T. Lauer, Chief, EROS Data Center, United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; David P. Radzanowski, Analyst in Aerospace Policy, Science Policy Research Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Frank Carsey, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California; and George A. Seielstad, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, on behalf of the Upper Midwest Aerospace Consortium.

## NATIONAL TRAILS AND PARKS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings S. 621, to designate the Great Western Trail for potential addition to the National Trails System, H.R. 531, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act, S. 1049, to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail in Alabama, S. 1706, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for assistance for highway relocation with respect to the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia, and S. 1725, to create a third category of long-distance trails to be known as national discovery trails and to authorize the American Discovery Trail as the first national discovery trail, after receiving testimony from Senators Nunn, Brown, and Bennett; Representatives Bereuter, John Lewis, and Hilliard; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director for Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gray F. Reynolds, Deputy Chief, and Brent Botts, Trails Program Manager, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; George Boulineau, Georgia Department of Transportation, Atlanta; and Reese F. Lukei, Jr., Virginia Beach, Virginia, and John O'Dell, River to River Trail Society, Harrisburg, Illinois, both on behalf of the American Discovery Trail/American Hiking Society.

## INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine the status of the international commercial environment and the Federal Government's role in supporting United States business abroad, after receiving testimony from Joan E. Spero, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Martin A. Kamarck, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Ruth R. Harkin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, United States Trade and Development Agency.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1488, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions;

S. 88, to increase the overall economy and efficiency of Government operations and enable more efficient use of Federal funding, by enabling local governments and private, nonprofit organizations to use amounts available under certain Federal assistance programs in accordance with approved local flexibility plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 94, to prohibit congressional consideration of retroactive tax increases, with amendments;

S. 1130, to provide for the establishment of uniform accounting systems, standards, and reporting systems in the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, and to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, with an amendment.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Also, committee began markup of S. 483, to amend Federal copyright provisions regarding preemption of laws concerning duration of copyrights, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**HEALTHY START PROJECT**

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Healthy Start Demonstration Project of the Department of Health and Human Services, created to reduce infant mortality, and its proposed authorization for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Ciro V. Sumaya, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Louis W. Sullivan, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; Thomas P. Coyle, Baltimore City Health Department, Doretha Strawther, and Chris-

topher Banks, all of Baltimore, Maryland; Jackie Jenkins-Scott, Dimock Community Health Center, Roxbury, Massachusetts; and Marie C. McCormick, Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**WHITEWATER**

*Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters:* Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Gary W. Bunch, Madison Bank and Trust, John Latham, and David Knight, all of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 3467–3492; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 179, H. Con. Res. 179, and H. Res. 439 were introduced. **Pages H5287–88**

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

H.R. 2909, to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands (H. Rept. 104–579);

H. Res. 436, providing for consideration of H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury (H. Rept. 104–580);

H. Res. 437, providing for consideration of H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 104–581);

H. Res. 438, providing for consideration of H.R. 3144, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system (H. Rept. 104–582); and

H.R. 3144, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system (H. Rept. 104–583 Part I). **Pages H5286–87**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Hast-

ings of Washington to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5185**

**Committees to Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H5188**

**Budget Resolution:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 179, The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. **Pages H5198–H5260**

**Rejected:**

The Payne of New Jersey amendment, in the nature of a substitute, that sought to achieve a balanced budget by 2002, reduce defense spending, revise tax provisions relating to capital gains and multinational and foreign controlled corporations, maintain Medicare spending at current levels, and increase funding for various programs including education and training, community development, and child care (rejected by a recorded vote of 63 yeas to 362 noes, Roll No. 176); **Pages H5204–18**

The Orton amendment, in the nature of a substitute, that sought to achieve a balanced budget by 2002, reduce defense spending, achieve savings in Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, and various discretionary programs, increase funding for programs including education and training, health, community