

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5397–S5460

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1785–1788, and S. Res. 255. **Page S5443**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda: Senate agreed to S. Res. 255, to honor Admiral Jeremy M. "Mike" Boorda. **Pages S5410–12**

Hate Crimes Statistics Act: Senate passed S. 1624, to reauthorize the Hate Crime Statistics Act. **Pages S5458–59**

Coastal Zone Management Reauthorizations: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1965, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S5459–60**

Congressional Budget: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S5398–S5410, S5412–42**

Adopted:

Levin Amendment No. 4020, to express the sense of the Congress that amounts appropriated for the National Institutes of Health should be increased above its fiscal year 1996 appropriation for additional research into an anti-addiction drug to block the craving of illicit addictive substances. **Pages S5398–S5400**

Domenici (for Helms) Amendment No. 4021, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the extension of the employer education assistance exclusion under section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. **Pages S5400–01**

Domenici (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4026, to express the sense of the Senate that the Economic Development Administration should place high priority on maintaining field-based economic development representatives. **Page S5439**

Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore \$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms. **Page S5398**

Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions. **Page S5398**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3985, to express the sense of the Senate on tax deductibility of higher education tuition and student loan interest costs. **Pages S5413–14**

Wellstone/Kerry Amendment No. 3986, to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers under the Community Oriented Policing Service. **Pages S5413, S5428–30**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3987, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress will not enact or adopt any legislation that would increase the number of children who are hungry or homeless. **Page S5413**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3988, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining current expenditure levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997. **Page S5398**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3989, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the interrelationship between domestic violence and welfare. **Page S5413**

Kerry Amendment No. 3990, to restore proposed cuts in the environment and natural resources programs, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. **Page S5398**

Kerry Amendment No. 3991, to increase the Function 500 totals to maintain levels of education and training funding that will keep pace with rising school enrollments and the demand for a better-trained workforce, to be offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. **Pages S5433–35**

Kyl Amendment No. 3995, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a supermajority requirement for raising taxes. **Page S5398**

Kyl Modified Amendment No. 3996, to providing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program through fiscal year 2000. **Pages S5412–13**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3997, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should maintain the existing prohibition against additional charges by providers under the Medicare program. **Page S5398**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3998, to express the sense of the Congress that the reconciliation bill should not include any changes in Federal nursing home quality standards or the Federal enforcement of such standards. **Page S5398**

Kennedy Amendment No. 3999, to express the sense of the Congress that provisions of current Medicaid law protecting families of nursing home residents from experiencing financial ruin as the price of needed care for their loved ones should be retained. **Page S5398**

Kennedy Amendment No. 4000, to express the sense of the Senate relating to the protection of the wages of construction workers. **Page S5398**

Byrd Amendment No. 4001, to increase overall discretionary spending to the levels proposed by the President, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. **Page S5398**

Lott/Smith Modified Amendment No. 4002, to express the sense of the Congress regarding reimbursement of the United States for the costs associated with Operations Southern Watch and Provide Comfort out of revenues generated by any sale of petroleum originating from Iraq. **Pages S5439–40**

Simpson/Moynihan Amendment No. 4003, to express the sense of the Senate that all Federal spending and revenues which are indexed for inflation should be calibrated by the most accurate inflation indices which are available to the Federal government. **Page S5398**

Graham Amendment No. 4007, to create a 60 vote point of order against legislation diverting savings achieved through Medicare waste, fraud and abuse enforcement activities for purposes other than improving the solvency of the Medicare Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund. **Page S5428**

Ashcroft Modified Amendment No. 4008, to provide for an income tax deduction for the old age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals. **Page S5398**

Gramm Amendment No. 4009, to express the sense of the Congress that the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits should be repealed. **Page S5398**

Brown Amendment No. 4010, to express the sense of the Senate that there should be a cap on the application of the civilian and military retirement COLA. **Page S5398**

Harkin Amendment No. 4011, to provide that the first reconciliation bill not include Medicaid reform, focusing mainly on Welfare reform by shifting Medicaid changes from the first to the second reconciliation bill. **Page S5398**

Harkin (for Specter) Amendment No. 4012, to restore funding for education, training, and health programs to a Congressional Budget Office freeze level for fiscal year 1997 through an across the board reduction in federal administrative costs. **Pages S5420–21, S5440–41**

Bumpers Amendment No. 4013, to establish that no amounts realized from sales of assets shall be scored with respect to the level of budget authority, outlays, or revenues. **Page S5398**

Bumpers Amendment No. 4014, to eliminate the defense firewalls. **Page S5398**

Thompson Amendment No. 3981, to express the sense of the Senate on the funding levels for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. **Page S5398**

Murkowski Amendment No. 4015, to prohibit sense of the Senate amendments from being offered to the budget resolution. **Page S5398**

Simpson (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4016, to express the sense of the Senate on long term entitlement reforms. **Page S5398**

Snowe Amendment No. 4017, to express the sense of the Senate that the aggregates and functional levels included in the budget resolution assume that savings in student loans can be achieved without any program change that would increase costs to students and parents or decrease accessibility to student loans. **Page S5398**

Chafee/Breaux Amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5399–S5410**

Domenici (for Dole/Hatch/Helms) Amendment No. 4019, to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should investigate the practice regarding the prosecution of drug smugglers. **Page S5398**

Feingold Amendment No. 3969, to eliminate the tax cut. **Page S5398**

Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 4022, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Spectrum auctions and their effect on the integrity of the budget process. **Page S5424**

Domenici (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4023, to express the sense of the Senate that any comprehensive legislation sent to the President that balances the budget by a certain date and that includes welfare reform provisions shall also contain to the maximum extent possible a strategy for reducing the rate of out-of-wedlock births and encouraging family formation.

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Domenici (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4024, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reduction of the national debt.

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Exon (for Roth) Amendment No. 4025, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the funding of Amtrak.

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Domenici Amendment No. 4027 (to Amendment No. 4012), to adjust the fiscal year 1997 non-defense discretionary allocation to the Appropriations Committee by \$5 billion in budget authority and \$4 billion in outlays to sustain 1996 post-OCRA policy.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

A point of order was not sustained that the pending concurrent resolution, as drafted, did not constitute a "budget resolution" and was therefore not in order.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Wednesday, May 22, 1996, with votes on the pending amendments to occur thereon.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

23 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5460.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman, and David D. Spears, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner, both of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Spears was introduced by Senator Dole and Representative Roberts.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

ROLE OF ABA IN JUDICIAL SELECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role of the American Bar Association in the selection of Federal judges, after receiving testimony from Richard Thornburgh, former Attorney General of the United States; Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Portland, Oregon; Judge John M. Walker, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, New York; Daniel E. Troy, Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Washington, D.C.; Nancy L. Iredale, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, Los Angeles, California; Daniel J. Meador, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, on behalf of the Miller Center Commission; and Roberta Cooper Ramo, Albuquerque, New Mexico, N. Lee Cooper, Birmingham, Alabama, and William E. Willis, Sullivan & Cromwell, New York, New York, all on behalf of the American Bar Association.

VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 582, to provide that certain voluntary disclosures of violations of Federal laws made pursuant to an environmental audit shall not be subject to discovery or admitted into evidence during a Federal

judicial or administrative proceeding, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatfield and Brown; Steven A. Herman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; Veronica Coleman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis; Colorado State Senator Don Ament, on behalf of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and Patricia Bangert, Colorado Department of Law, both of Denver; Tom Gehl, Kohler Company, Kohler, Wisconsin; John Riley, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Austin; Victor S. Johnson, Judicial District of Tennessee, Nashville, on behalf of the National District Attorney's Association; Jerry O. Richartz, Oregon Steel Mills, Inc., Portland; and Mark Woodall, Sierra Club, Woodland, Georgia.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the

Corporation for National and Community Service, after receiving testimony from former Senator Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; Lynn Thornton, Georgia Commission for National and Community Service, Atlanta; Michelle Engler, Michigan Community Service Commission, Lansing; Larry W. Albert, Arthur Andersen and Company, Washington, D.C.; Stephen M. Johnson, AmeriCares, New Canaan, Connecticut; Doug Bandow, Cato Institute, Springfield, Virginia; and Rev. Timothy R. Scully, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, on behalf of the Alliance for Catholic Education.

IRANIAN ARMS SHIPMENTS TO BOSNIA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine United States policy with regard to Iranian and other arms transfers to Bosnia, receiving testimony from Richard Holbrooke, former Assistant Secretary of State.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, May 23.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3495–3501; and 1 private bill, H.R. 3502, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3134, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 104–587);

H.R. 3029, to designate the United States courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 104–588);

H. Con. Res. 153, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 104–589); and

H. Res. 440, providing for consideration of H.R. 3448 to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers, and for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 104–590).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Cox to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5301

Recess: The House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H5307

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House sent to the Senate without amendment: H.R. 1009, and H.R. 2765. Page H5308

Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans Benefits Decisions: H.R. 1483, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error; Pages H5311–13

Veterans Benefits Programs: H.R. 3373, to amend title 38, United States Code and to improve certain veterans' benefits programs; Pages H5313–15

Presidential Democratic Election in Taiwan: H. Con. Res. 154, amended, to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first Presidential democratic election. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H5316–18

Democratic Elections in Sierra Leone: H. Con. Res. 160, congratulating the people of the Republic

of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections; **Pages H5318–21**

Anniversary of Poland's First Constitution: H. Con. Res. 165, saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution; and **Pages H5321–23**

Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster Anniversary: H. Con. Res. 167, recognizing the tenth anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster, and supporting the closing of the Chornobyl nuclear power plant (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas, Roll No. 183).

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Motor Fuels Excise Tax Rates: By a yea-and-nay vote of 301 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 182, the House passed H.R. 3415, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent increase in the transportation motor fuels excise tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 and dedicated to the general fund of the Treasury.

Pages H5337–52, H5355–56

Rejected the Rangel motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 181).

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Agreed to the amendment made in order by the rule.

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H. Res. 436, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180.

Pages H5326–37

Intelligence Authorization: House agreed to H. Res. 437, providing for the 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.

Pages H5357–60

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5380–81.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5301.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5336–37, H5355, H5355–56, and H5356–57.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to begin markup of the defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

AID WHISTLEBLOWER

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on AID Whistleblower. Testimony was heard from Paul Neifert, Foreign Service Officer, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

SOUTH—CHURCH FIRES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Church fires in the South. Testimony was heard from Representative Payne of New Jersey; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Deval L. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; and Tron W. Brekke, Chief, Civil Rights Program, FBI; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ECOREGION-BASED ASSESSMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held an oversight hearing on several ecoregion-based assessments currently being conducted by the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; David Unger, Associate Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Bonneville Power Administration operations and status of the Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System. Testimony was heard from Jack Robertson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT; PORTAL-TO-PORTAL ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for consideration in the House of H.R. 3448, Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, without the intervention of a point of order except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting unfunded mandates). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means shall be considered as read and all points of order are waived against said substitute except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

The rule provides that the bill and committee amendment shall be debatable for one hour, divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The previous question is considered as ordered on the bill and the committee amendment to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule further provides that the provisions of clause 5(c) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on bills, amendments, and conference reports containing income tax rate increases) shall not apply to the bill, amendments thereto, or conference reports thereon.

After the disposition of H.R. 3448, it shall be in order to consider in the House, 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, without intervening point of order except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting unfunded mandates). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, as modified by the amendment printed in section 3 of the rule adding a short title, is considered as adopted.

The previous question is ordered without intervening motion except: (1) ninety minutes of debate divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; (2) an amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Riggs of California or his designee, debatable for ninety minutes; (3) an amendment printed in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Goodling of Pennsylvania or his designee, debatable for one hour and subject to a division of the question between subsection 3(d) (small business exemption) and the remainder of the amendment; and (4) one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The rule provides that each amendment made in order is considered as read, is not subject to amendment or point of order, except those arising under sec. 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 3448, the Clerk shall await the disposition of H.R. 1227 and shall add the text of H.R. 1227 as passed by the House. Finally, the rule provides that upon the addition of the text of H.R. 1227 to the engrossment of H.R. 3448, H.R. 1227 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodling and the following Representatives: Fawell, Hutchinson, Lightfoot, Dickey, Campbell, Quinn, Shays, English of Pennsylvania, Shaw, Clay, Rangel and Neal of Massachusetts.

Joint Meetings

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate-and House-passed versions of H.R. 1617, to consolidate Federal employment training, vocational education, and adult education programs and create integrated statewide workforce development systems, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D465)

S. 641, to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990. Signed May 20, 1996. (P.L. 104-146)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1511, to impose sanctions on Burma, 8:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine security in cyberspace, 8:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Small Business, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company program, and to consider the nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, time to be announced, SR-428A.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Produce, hearing on seafood inspection programs, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to markup appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 4 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, to continue markup of the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing and markup of H.R. 3431, Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Improvement Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Conditions within the District of Columbia Department of Corrections, 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on the following: Electronic Reporting Streamlining Act of 1996; and H.R. 3189, to delay the privatization of the Office of Federal Investigations of the Office of Personnel Management in order to allow sufficient time for a thorough review to be conducted as to the feasibility and desirability of any such privatization, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Current Human Rights Situation in Africa, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Forced Migration in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on H.R. 2754, Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs, to markup the following bills: H.R. 3458, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996; H.R. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for burial benefits to include certain veterans who die in State nursing homes; H.R. 3493, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the provision of funds in order to provide financial assistance by grant or contract to legal assistance entities for representation of financially needy veterans in connection with proceedings before the United States Court of Veterans Appeals; and H.R. 3495, to extend the time for the submission of the final report of the Veterans' Claims Adjudication Commission, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on welfare reform, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on H.R. 3107, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, May 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3259, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (modified open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3448, the Small Business Job Protection Act (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 1227, Employee Commuting Flexibility Act (modified closed rule, 90 minutes of general debate).

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