

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5461–S5505*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1789–1795. **Page S5492**

**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 S5461–90, S5504–05**

Adopted:

Wyden/Kerry Modified Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions. **Pages S5463–64**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3989, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the interrelationship between domestic violence and welfare. **Page S5465**

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 S5465**

Domenici (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4024, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reduction of the national debt. **Page S5465**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 122), Domenici (for Abraham/Coverdell) Amendment No. 4028 (to Amendment No. 3986), to express the sense of the Senate regarding administrative funding of the President's Public Safety and Community Policing Grants, and to increase funding for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund programs in 2001 and 2002. **Pages S5465–66**

(Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 3986, listed below, was tabled.) **Page S5466**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 124), 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. **Pages S5466–67**

By 88 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 127), 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. **Pages S5469–70**

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. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S5474–75**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 131), 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 S5475**

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 132), 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. **Pages S5475–76**

Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 4000, to express the sense of the Senate relating to the protection of the wages of construction workers. **Pages S5476–78**

By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 133), Ashcroft Amendment No. 4030 (to Amendment No. 4000), to express the sense of the Congress that States should be allowed to require welfare recipients to stay drug-free as a condition for receiving welfare benefits from the taxpayers. **Pages S5476–77**

Kennedy Amendment No. 4031 (to Amendment No. 4000), to protect the incomes of construction workers and their families and to express the sense of the Senate that the Davis-Bacon Act should not be repealed. (By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote 134), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S5477**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 135), Santorum Amendment No. 4032 (to Amendment No. 4000), to express the sense of the Senate that the provisions in the resolution assume reform of the Davis-Bacon Act. **Pages S5477-78**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 137), 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 S5478-79**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 138), 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. **Pages S5479-80**

Gramm Amendment No. 4009, to express the sense of the Congress that the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits should be repealed. **Pages S5481-82**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 141), Exon Amendment No. 4033 (to Amendment No. 4009), to express the sense of the Senate that no provisions in this resolution should worsen the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund. **Pages S5481-82**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 142), Domenici (for Gramm) Amendment No. 4034 (to Amendment No. 4009), to express the sense of the Congress that the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits should be repealed. **Page S5482**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 143), Domenici (for Dole/Hatch/Helms) Modified Amendment No. 4019, to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should investigate the practice regarding the prosecution of drug smugglers. **Pages S5462, S5483-85**

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. **Pages S5486-88**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 145) McCain/Domenici Amendment No. 4035 (to Amendment No. 4013), to express the sense of the Senate regarding corporate subsidies and to provide a rule that would prohibit the scoring of proceeds from asset sales that would lead to a financial loss by the Federal Government. **Pages S5486-87**

Rejected:

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. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 120), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S5463**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3985, to express the sense of the Senate on tax deductibility of higher education tuition and student loan interest costs. (By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5464-65**

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. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5465-66**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4029 (to Amendment No. 3986), to express the sense of the Senate that funds will be available to hire new police officers. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 3986, listed above, was tabled.) **Page S5466**

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. (By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 125), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S5467**

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. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 126), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5467-69**

Kyl Amendment No. 3995, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a supermajority requirement for raising taxes. (By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 128), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5470-73**

By 26 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 129), Kyl Modified Amendment No. 3996, to providing funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program through fiscal year 2000. **Page S5474**

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. (By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S5478**

By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 140), 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. **Pages S5480-81**

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 S5485**

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. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 144), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5485–86**

Bumpers Amendment No. 4036 (to 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. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate tabled the amendment. **Pages S5487–88**

Pending:

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. **Page S5462**

Bumpers Amendment No. 4014, to eliminate the defense firewalls. **Page S5462**

Thompson Amendment No. 3981, to express the sense of the Senate on the funding levels for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. **Page S5462**

Murkowski Amendment No. 4015, to prohibit sense of the Senate amendments from being offered to the budget resolution. **Page S5462**

Simpson (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4016, to express the sense of the Senate on long term entitlement reforms. **Page S5462**

Chafee/Breaux Amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5462**

Feingold Amendment No. 3969, to eliminate the tax cut. **Page S5462**

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 S5462**

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. **Page S5462**

Exon (for Roth) Amendment No. 4025, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the funding of Amtrak. **Page S5462**

Domenici Amendment No. 4027 (to Amendment No. 4012), to adjust the fiscal year 1997 non-defense discretionary allocation to the Appropriation Committee by \$5 billion in budget authority and \$4 billion in outlays to sustain 1996 post-OCRA policy. **Page S5462**

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

By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 139), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of 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. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305 (b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S5480**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, May 23, 1996. **Pages S5504–05**

#### Appointments:

*National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service:* The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–52, as amended by Public Law 104–134, appointed the following individuals as members of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service: Senator Grassley, David L. Keating, of Maryland, J. Fred Kubik, of Kansas, and Mark L. McConaghy, of Washington, D.C.; and on behalf of the Democratic Leader, the following individuals: Senator Kerrey, and Fred T. Goldberg, Jr. **Page S5505**

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

Transmitting the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (PM–148). **Page S5491**

Transmitting the annual reports of the National Science Foundation for fiscal years 1994 and 1995; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–149). **Page S5491**

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

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps. **Page S5505**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S5491**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S5491**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S5491–92**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S5492**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S5492**

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages S5499–S5500  
 Amendments Submitted: Pages S5500–01  
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 Additional Statements: Pages S5501–04  
 Record Votes: Twenty-seven record votes were taken today. (Total—146)  
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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 5:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, May 23, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5504–05.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BURMA SANCTIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the current situation in Burma, and on S. 1511, to impose certain unilateral and multilateral economic sanctions against Burma, receiving testimony from Senators McConnell and Moynihan; Burma Prime Minister Sein Win, Rangoon, on behalf of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma; and Adelle

Lutz and David Byrne, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### INFORMATION SECURITY

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the security status of American information systems, focusing on recent threats of unauthorized access to sensitive information in computer systems at the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Jim Christy, Investigator, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Defense Information and Financial Management Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, and Keith Rhodes, Technical Assistant Director, Office of the Chief Scientist, both of the General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1784, to strengthen, expand, and improve the Small Business Investment Company Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Ginger Ehn Lew, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 3503–3515; 1 private bill, H.R. 3516; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 180 were introduced. Pages H5500–01

**Committee to Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence. Page H5388

**Prairie Island Indian Community:** The House passed H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act. Pages H5388–89

**Intelligence Authorization:** The House passed H.R. 3259, 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 H5389–H5431

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H5431

Agreed To:

The McCollum amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that protection of the identities of undercover intelligence officers should be enforced by appropriate law enforcement agencies; Page H5397

The Dicks amendment, as amended by the Combest amendment, that increases the amount authorized for the tier III minus unmanned aerial vehicle and restricts the obligation of this funding until the Secretary of Defense submits a detailed cost analysis and report that specifies how these funds will be used; Pages H5397–98

The Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that decreases funding for declassification of documents and

increases funding for the Environmental Intelligence and Applications Program; **Pages H5398–99**

The Richardson amendment, as amended by the Murtha amendment, that prohibits the intelligence community from using any United States media correspondent as an intelligence agent unless the President certifies in writing to the Congress that such use is necessary to address the overriding national security interest of the United States (agreed to by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 184); **Pages H5399–H5403, H5419–20**

The Traficant amendment that applies provisions of the Buy America Act to all funding that is expended; **Pages H5409–10**

The Brownback amendment, as amended by the Combest amendment in the nature of a substitute, that applies restrictions to United States intelligence information shared with the United Nations; **Pages H5410–13**

The Combest amendment that qualifies the multiyear leasing authority granted to the CIA to amounts appropriated; **Page H5415**

The Combest amendment that eliminates the double surcharge on the CIA for employees who retire or resign in fiscal years 1998 or 1999; **Pages H5415–16**

The Combest amendment that authorizes the Director of Central Intelligence to transfer funding within the National Foreign Intelligence Program for declassification of records over 25 years old; and **Page H5416**

The Combest amendment that authorizes amounts obligated or expended for intelligence of intelligence related activities based on and otherwise in accordance with the appropriations provided by the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–134). **Page H5416**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to limit the fiscal year 1997 intelligence authorization level to 90 percent of the fiscal year 1996 level (rejected by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 185); **Pages H5403–09, H5420**

The Conyers amendment that sought to require the President to submit to Congress a separate unclassified statement of intelligence appropriations and proposed appropriations, for the current fiscal year and subsequent fiscal year, with his annual budget request (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 186); **Pages H5413–15, H5421**

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to reduce the total funding authorized by 4.9 percent and to permit the President, in consultation with the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense, to apply this reduction by

transferring and reprogramming amounts (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 187); and **Pages H5421–25**

The Schroeder amendment that sought to limit the total amount authorized for the National Reconnaissance Office to the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1996 (rejected by a recorded vote of 137 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 188). **Pages H5425–31**

The Clerk was authorized to correct spelling, punctuation, cross referencing, and section numbers, and to make any other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H5431**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*Commodity Credit Corporation:* Message wherein he transmits his report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and **Page H5431**

*National Science Foundation:* Message wherein he transmits the combined annual reports of the National Science Foundation for fiscal years 1994 and 1995—referred to the Committee on Science. **Pages H5431–32**

**Late Report:** Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Thursday, May 23, to file a report on a bill making appropriations for Military Construction. **Page H5445**

**Small Business Job Protection:** By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 190, the House passed 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. **Pages H5445–78**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H5477**

**Order of Business:** It was made in order that during consideration of H.R. 1227 pursuant to House Resolution 440, notwithstanding the order of the previous question, it be in order after 30 minutes of the 90 minutes provided for initial debate on the bill, as amended pursuant to the rule, for the Chair to postpone further consideration of the bill until the following legislative day, on which consideration may resume at a time designated by the Speaker. **Pages H5432–45, H5478**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 22. **Page H5478**

**Employee Commuting Flexibility:** House consumed 30 minutes of general debate on 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. General debate will resume on Thursday, May 22.

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H. Res. 440, the rule under which both H.R. 3448 and H.R. 1227 are being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 189.

Pages H5444–45

**Commission on the Internal Revenue Service:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Portman of Ohio, and from private life: Mr. Ernest Dronenberg of California, Mr. Gerry Harkins of Georgia, and Mr. Grover Norquist of the District of Columbia to the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service on the part of the House.

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Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Matsui of California and Mr. George Newstrom of Virginia, from private life, to the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.

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**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5501.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5383.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5419–20, H5420, H5421, H5425, H5430–31, H5444–45, and H5477–78. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SEAFOOD INSPECTION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Produce held a hearing on seafood inspection programs. Testimony was heard from James W. Brennan, Deputy General Counsel, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Michael Friedman, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Operations, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs began markup of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to continue

markup of the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

Will continue tomorrow.

### ARMORED CAR RECIPROCITY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1996

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 3431, Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Improvement Act of 1996.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CONDITIONS—D.C. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on Conditions within the District of Columbia Department of Corrections. Testimony was heard from Margaret Moore, Director, Department of Corrections, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### ELECTRONIC REPORTING STREAMLINING ACT; DELAY PRIVATIZATION OF OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS OPM

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a 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. Testimony was heard from Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; the following officials of OMP: James B. King, Director; and Deborah Abraham Apperson, Senior investigator, Office of Federal Investigations; and public witnesses.

### AFRICAN—HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Current Human Rights Situation in Africa. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### FORCED MIGRATION—NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a

hearing on Forced Migration in the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SHIPBUILDING TRADE AGREEMENT ACT

*Committee on National Security:* Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on H.R. 2754, Shipbuilding Trade Agreement Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gibbons and Crane; the following officials of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Ambassador Jennifer Hillman, General Counsel; and Donald Phillips, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Industry; and public witnesses.

### VETERANS' LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension, Insurance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action the following: 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; a measure 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.

### WELFARE REFORM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on welfare reform. Testimony was heard from Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### IRAN OIL SANCTIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on H.R. 3107, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from C. David Welch, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Jennifer Hillman, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and William E. Barreda, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Trade and Investment Policy, Department of the Treasury.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1996

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Congressional Budget Office and the Capitol Police, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the United Nations and the United States Information Agency, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine methods of encouraging responsible fatherhood, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* to hold hearings on miscellaneous veterans bills, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to resume hearings on Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E883 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to consider the following: 602(b) allocations for fiscal year 1997; and the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, to continue markup of the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997, time to be announced, H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities,* to mark up H.R. 3268, IDEA Improvement Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Reinventing Downsizing or Downsizing the Reinvention, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the monitoring of food-borne pathogens by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FDA, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on National Drug Control Policy: The Decline of Interdiction Efforts in the Caribbean, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight,* to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 351, Bilingual Voting Requirements Repeal Act, 11 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding the Nature, Extent, and Proliferation of Federal Law Enforcement—Part II: State and Local Law Enforcement Perspectives, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up the following: H.R. 2587, War Crimes Act of 1995; H.R. 740, to confer jurisdiction on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims with respect to land claims of Pueblo of Isleta Indian Tribe; private immigration bills; and private claims bills, 10 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 639, West Virginia National Rivers Technical Amendments Act of 1995; H.R. 640, West Virginia National Rivers Boundary Modifications Act of 1995; H.R. 1825, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to limit acquisition of land on the 39-mile headwaters segment of the Missouri River, Nebraska and South Dakota, designated as a recreation river, to acquisition from willing sellers; H.R. 2255, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Act; H.R. 2292, Hanford Reach Preservation; H.R. 3127, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1996; H.R. 2466, to improve the process for land exchanges for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 3031, to amend the Act of October 15, 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended, establishing a program for the preservation of additional historic property throughout the Nation; and H.R. 2528, to require the Secretary of the Interior to renew to the heirs of permittees permits for

historic cabins located in the Mineral King Addition of the Sequoia National Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, executive, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., HT-2M Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on FDA Consolidation; and to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 172 authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, MO, as the 54625462Sammy L. Davis Federal Building;" H.R. 3364, to designate a U.S. Courthouse in Scranton, PA, as the 54625462William J. Nealon United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 3400, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, NE, as the 54625462Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse," 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

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