

Thursday, June 13, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Congressional Budget Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6167–S6254*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1869–1878, S. Res. 262–264, and S. Con. Res. 64 and 65. **Page S6225**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3286, to help families defray adoption costs, and to promote the adoption of minority children, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–279)

H.R. 419, for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc.

H.R. 1533, to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 226, to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week".

S. 1559, to make technical corrections to title 11, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6223**

### Measures Passed:

**Congressional Budget Resolution:** By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate passed the conference report on 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 S6167–86**

**U.S. Fire Administration Positions:** Senate passed S. 1488, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions. **Page S6253**

**Nomination Considered:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination on Friday, June 14, 1996, and Thursday, June 20, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S6187**

A further consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur on the nominations of Lawrence H. Meyer, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Alice M. Rivlin, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, following disposition of the nomination of Mr. Greenspan. **Page S6187**

**DOD Authorizations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1745, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at 10 a.m. **Pages S6253–54**

**Committee Authority To File:** Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters was granted authority to file any reported items until 12 Midnight on Monday, June 17, 1996. **Page S6253**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S6219–20**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—159) Page S6186

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 14, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6254.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FAA AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Aviation Administration and the Airport Improvement Program.

### NATIONAL RECREATION LAKES STUDY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1844, to increase recreational opportunities on American lakes and rivers, after receiving testimony from John H. Zirschky, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science; Janice McDougle, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Kathryn Jackson, Senior Vice President, Resource Group, and Bob Herbst, Washington Representative, both of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Marshall Funk, Scotts Marina, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the Marina Operators Association of America; Tom Stidham, Norris Marine, Norman, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Marine Retailers Association of America; Ray Gardiner, Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, Snowbird, Utah, on behalf of Recreation Roundtable; and Ron Stone, States Organization for Boating Access, Washington, D.C.

### WELFARE AND MEDICAID REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine proposals to reform the welfare and Medicaid system, focusing on S. 1795, to restore the American family, enhance support and work opportunities for families with children, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies, reduce welfare dependence by requiring work, meet the health care needs of America's most vulnerable citizens, control welfare and Medicaid spending, and increase State flexibility, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Marcia E. Miller, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Kelly was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Moynihan, and Ms. Miller was introduced by Senators Chafee and Moynihan.

### PLO COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) compliance from Dennis Ross, Special Middle East Coordinator, Department of State.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1533, to increase the penalty for escaping from a Federal prison, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 419, to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to compensate Benchmark Rail Group, Inc. for certain emergency work and services performed by them;

S. 1559, to make technical corrections to Federal bankruptcy law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. Res. 226, to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week".

### CHALLENGES OF THE ELDERLY

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Aging resumed hearings to examine the scope of challenges facing America's aging society, focusing on whether working Americans are adequately preparing for retirement and what may impede their ability to do so, receiving testimony from Laurence J. Kotlikoff, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution, and Karen Ferguson, Pension Rights Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter M. Kelly, Murphy, Smith and Polk, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Alan Sklar, Gleeson, Sklar, Sawyers, and Cumpata, Skokie, Illinois, on behalf of National Small Business United; and Phillip J. Longman, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 3634–3659; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 182, H. Con. Res. 185–188 were introduced. **Pages H6413–14**

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 3237, to provide for improved management and operation of intelligence activities of the Government by providing for a more corporate approach to intelligence, to reorganize the agencies of the Government engaged in intelligence activities so as to provide an improved Intelligence Community for the 21st century (H. Rept. 104–620, Part I).

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**Committees 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, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Shipbuilding Trade Agreement:** By a recorded vote of 325 ayes to 100 noes, Roll No. 238, the House passed H.R. 2754, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement.

**Pages H6293–H6325**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

**Page H6325**

Agreed to the Bateman amendment that delays the effective date of Title XI loan guarantee amendments until January 1, 1999, establishes that the Jones Act or other provisions of U.S. law set forth in Annex II of the agreement will not be affected, provides that national security interests can be invoked, defines and excludes military reserve vessels from the agreement, and establishes a remedy for U.S. shipbuilders who lose a sale to a foreign shipbuilder (agreed to by a recorded vote of 278 ayes to 149 noes, Roll No. 237).

**Pages H6315–25**

**DOD Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 247, the House passed H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

**Pages H6333–89**

Agreed To:

The Young amendment that conforms the bill to allocations contained in the FY 1997 Budget Resolution and reduces funding by \$508 million accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 396 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 239);

**Pages H6337–39, H6341–42**

The Furse amendment that makes reductions to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance accounts totaling \$35 million;

**Pages H6340–41**

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits funds to contractors for restructuring costs associated with a business combination that were incurred on or after August 15, 1994.

**Pages H6346–49**

The Hoke amendment that limits procurement of aircraft landing gear to equipment manufactured and assembled in the United States unless the procurement will create a significant adverse technical, cost, or schedule impact on the aircraft production program;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that stipulates that funding for the DOD specimen repository may only be used in accordance with DOD policy;

**Pages H6379–80**

The Bereuter amendment, as modified, that provides that the Air National Guard may assume responsibility for providing fire fighting and rescue services in response to aircraft-related emergencies at the Lincoln Municipal Airport in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

**Pages H6384–85**

The Solomon amendment that prohibits expenditures to any contractor, subject to the requirement in section 4212(d) of title 38, United States Code, that has not submitted an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning the employment of Veterans.

**Pages H6387–88**

Rejected:

The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion procurement by \$404 million (rejected by a recorded vote by 143 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 240);

**Pages H6345–46, H6252–53**

The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Air Force Aircraft Procurement by \$314.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 241);

**Pages H6349–50, H6353**

The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Air Force Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation by \$1 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 242);

**Pages H6351–54**

The Obey amendment that sought to prohibit funding for any acquisition program that has no DOD documented military requirement and has a cost per job created of more than \$100,000 according to documentation submitted to the staff of the House National Security Committee by the military services (rejected by a recorded vote of 101 ayes to 319 noes, Roll No. 243);

**Pages H6361–64, H6377**

The Schroeder amendment, as modified, that sought to reduce total appropriations by \$6.5 billion

(rejected by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 244).

Pages H6364–68, H6377–78

The Shays amendment that sought to limit FY 1997 DOD budget authority to the amount provided in the FY 1996 DOD Appropriations Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 245).

Pages H6370–79

The DeFazio amendment, as amended by the Dicks amendment, that sought to prohibit any funding in the National Missile Defense program for the deployment of space-based interceptors or space-based directed energy weapons (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 246).

Pages H6380–84, H6388–89

The Skelton amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to limit funding available for National Missile Defense.

Pages H6385–87

H. Res. 453, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H6326–33

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of June 17. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

Pages H6389–90

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 19.

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**Order of Business:** It was made in order that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 187; that it be in order for its immediate consideration in the House; that debate on the concurrent resolution be limited to fifty minutes, to be equally divided and controlled by Representative Watts of Oklahoma and Representative Clayton; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

Pages H6390–91

**African-American Church Burnings:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 187, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to recent church burnings.

Pages H6391–99

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6341.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6324–25, H6325, H6341–42, H6352–53, H6353, H6354, H6377, H6378, H6378–79, H6388–89, and H6389. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 12 midnight.

## Committee Meetings

### BUDGET RECONCILIATION—FOOD STAMP AND COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION REFORM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Approved Food Stamp and Commodity Distribution Reform reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for fiscal year 1997.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS; REVISED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

The Committee also approved revised Budget allocations for fiscal year 1997.

### BUDGET RECONCILIATION; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Budget Reconciliation Act the following reconciliation recommendations: Title II, Subtitle A—Medicaid Restructuring Act of 1996; and Title II, Subtitle B—Other Provisions.

The Committee also ordered reported amended H.R. 248, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: TRAVEL EXPENDITURES AND RELATED ISSUES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues. Testimony was heard for the following officials of the Department of Energy: Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary; Donald Pearman, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Eric Fygi, Deputy General Counsel.

### VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1996

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action H.R. 3586, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1996.

### FEDERAL INFORMATION POLICY

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held on oversight hearing on

Federal Information Policy. Testimony was heard from Senator Leahy; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Roslyn A. Mazer, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development; and Kevin O'Brien, Section Chief, Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Section, FBI; Anthony H. Passarella, Director, Directorate for Freedom of Information and Security Review, office of the Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs), Department of Defense; the following officials of the GSA: G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation; and James L. Dean, Director, Committee Management Secretariat Staff; and public witnesses.

#### WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice continued hearings on White House Communications Agency, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Emmett Paige, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence; and Col. J. Simmons, IV, USA, Commander, White House Communications Agency.

#### U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN RUSSIA, UKRAINE, ARMENIA AND OTHER NEW INDEPENDENT STATES

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the effectiveness of U.S. assistance programs in Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, and the other New Independent States. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard Morningstar, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on Assistance to the Newly Independent States and Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States, Department of State; Thomas Dine, Assistant Administrator for Europe and the Newly Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; John Ruberto, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs for Defense Conversion, Department of Defense; Joan Rohlfing, Director, Office of Non-Proliferation and National Security, Department of Energy; and Anne Sigmund, Director, Office of East European and Newly Independent States Affairs, USIA.

#### CHALLENGES BY RUSSIA TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on challenges posed by Russia to U.S. national security interests. Testimony was heard from R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; Richard Pipes, former

National Security Advisor; and Clifford G. Gaddy, The Brookings Institution.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3287, Crawford National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; H.R. 3546, Walhalla National Fish Hatchery Act; and H.R. 3557, Marion National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act; to be followed by an oversight hearing on Mitchell Act Hatcheries, Management of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barrett of Nebraska; Graham and Hilliard; William Knapp, Chief, Division of Fish Hatcheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Rolland Schmitt, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2292, amended, Hanford Reach Preservation Act; H.R. 3534, Mineral King Act of 1996; H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California; H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 3127, amended, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1996.

#### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3107, amended, Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996; and H.R. 3161, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 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 General Accounting Office, and the Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the status of the hemisphere, 1 p.m., SD-419.

**House**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on the following: H.R. 2181, War

Crimes Disclosure Act; the Health Information and Privacy Protection Act; and S. 1090, Electronic Freedom of Information Improvement Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 14

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, June 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** After the recognition of five Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 Noon), Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve System.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** No legislative business is scheduled.

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