

Wednesday, January 29, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Andrew M. Cuomo to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S779–S822

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 228–234, and S. Res. 33–35. **Page S804**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 33, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Appropriations.

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Res. 35, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. **Page S802**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of William M. Daley, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, on Thursday, January 30, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S821**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 99 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 3 EX), Andrew M. Cuomo, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. **Pages S779–84**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S820–21**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S784**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 2:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 30, 1997. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S822.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on proposals for long-term reform of the Social Security system, after receiving testimony from Edward M. Gramlich, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Thomas W. Jones, TIAA-CREF, New Canaan, Connecticut; Carolyn L. Weaver, American Enterprise Institute, Alexandria, Virginia; C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Theodore R. Marmor, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William M. Daley, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, and a routine list in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Also, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Rodney E. Slater, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner, Bumpers, and Hutchinson and Representatives Berry and Hutchinson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 34) requesting \$2,637,966 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$2,707,696 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation: Senators Nickles (Chairman), Domenici (Vice Chairman), Craig, Grams, Gorton, Campbell, Gordon Smith, Ford, Bingaman, Graham, Wyden, Johnson, and Landrieu.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management: Senators Craig (Chairman), Burns (Vice Chairman), Domenici, Thomas, Kyl, Gordon Smith, Dorgan, Graham, Wyden, Johnson, and Landrieu.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation: Senators Thomas (Chairman), Campbell (Vice Chairman), Grams, Nickles, Burns, Bingaman, Akaka, Graham, and Landrieu.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Kyl (Chairman), Gordon Smith (Vice Chairman), Gorton, Campbell, Craig, Akaka, Ford, Dorgan, and Wyden.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Moseley-Braun and Breaux and Representative Crane, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Domenici, Hatch, and Bingaman and Representatives Gilman, Hamilton, and Menendez, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee met and adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 216, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2002 for programs of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assist-

ant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Madeleine Will, Chevy Chase, Maryland, former Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Michael Remus, Kansas Board of Education, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Special Education; Elisabeth T. Healey, Pittsburgh School Board, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Daniel Sullivan, New Hampshire School Board, Nashua; Anne Bryant, National School Boards Association, Alexandria, Virginia; David Wolk, Rutland City School District, Rutland, Vermont, on behalf of the American Association of School Administrators; Stanley S. Herr, University of Maryland, Baltimore; Michael Brown, Hope High School, Hope, Arizona, on behalf of the National Association of Secondary School Principals; Marcia Reback, Rhode Island Federation of Teachers, Providence; Robert Chase, National Education Association, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald Hime, Council for Exceptional Children, Reston, Virginia.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$1,084,471 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$1,112,732 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress.

GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine the status of Persian Gulf War veterans' illnesses, receiving testimony from Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, USA (Ret.); and Bernard D. Rostker, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 5.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$1,133,674 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$1,162,865 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—HEALTH THREAT POSED BY TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHIES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on recent steps by the FDA and other federal agencies to address the health threat posed by transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs), including so-called "Mad Cow Disease." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael Friedman, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, FDA; Lawrence B. Schonberger, M.D., Assistant Director, Public Health, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Clarence J. Gibbs, Jr., Acting Chief, Laboratory of Central Nervous System Studies, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NIH; Linda Detwiler, Chair, TSE Working Group, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold an organizational meeting, 11 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on the consumer price index, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nomination of Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on the final report of the Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index; and to consider the nomination of Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold an organizational meeting, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold an organizational meeting, 10 a.m., SD-342.

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

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings to examine campaign finance reform proposals, including S. 57, and on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Election Commission (FEC), 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold an organizational meeting, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E117-18 in today's Record.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider the nomination of William M. Daley, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, February 4: The House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate to receive the President's State of the Union Address.



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