

Monday, February 24, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Frist read Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1425-94

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 342-347. **Page S1470**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Report on Legislative Activities of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources During the 104th Congress." (S. Rept. No. 105-5) **Page S1470**

Population Planning: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 36, approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program. **Pages S1433-48**

Senate will resume consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon at 2:15 p.m.

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate resumed consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1448-68**

Rejected: Byrd Modified Amendment No. 6, to strike the reliance on estimates and receipts. (By 61 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1448-59**

Pending: Reid Amendment No. 8, to require that the outlay and receipt totals of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds not be included as a part of the budget totals. **Pages S1459-68**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, February 25, 1997.

Reading of Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Frist read Washington's Farewell Address. **Pages S1425-29**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1469**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Page S1459**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, February 25, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1494.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 25.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL CAPITAL REVITALIZATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On February 20, the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Administration's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plan. Testimony was heard from Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS IN THE YEAR 2000

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Will Federal Government Computers be Ready for the Year 2000?" Testimony was heard from Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Management Division, GAO; Liza McClenaghan, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; Emmett Paige, Assistant Secretary, Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence, Department of Defense; Patricia Lattimore, Chief Information Officer, Department of Labor; John J. Callahan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Huerta, Associate Deputy Secretary, Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; and Mark D. Catlett, Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

U.S. COUNTERNARCOTICS ASSISTANCE TO COLOMBIA

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On February 14, the Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on U.S. Counternarcotics Assistance to Colombia. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 25 through March 1, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on H.J. Res. 36, relative to U.N. population funding, following which Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, and amendments to be proposed thereto. Senate may also consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, February 25, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:10 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

(Senate and House will hold a joint meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1997, at 10 a.m., to receive an address from Eduardo Frei, President of Chile.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 25, to hold hearings to examine the impact of estate taxes on farmers, 9 a.m., SR-332.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of capital gains taxes on farmers, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: February 25, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Council on Environmental Quality, the National Credit Union Administration, the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, and the Community Development Financial Institutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

February 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

February 27, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and to review bilateral economic assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: February 25 and 26, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and

the future years defense program, Tuesday at 10 a.m. in SD-106 and Wednesday at 2 p.m. in SR-222.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings concerning the Department of Defense actions pertaining to Persian Gulf illnesses, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 25, to hold hearings on S. 318, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, 10 a.m., SD-538.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the Federal Reserve's monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 27, to hold hearings to examine violence in television programming, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 25, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior and Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

February 25 and 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 26, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 27, to hold hearings on views of congressional advisory commissions on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Medicare budget proposal, 11 a.m., SD-215.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health Care, to resume hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare program, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 26, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Agency for International Development (AID), 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 25, to hold hearings on the nomination of David J. Barram, of California, to be Administrator of General Services, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 26, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business: February 26, to hold hearings on the President's budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 26, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for veterans programs, 2 p.m., SR-418.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 26, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

February 27, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending committee business relating to the Committee's budget views and estimates on the fiscal year 1998 request for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 26 and 27, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E293-95 in today's Record.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 26, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing to review the USDA's final regulation on the Conservation Reserve Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Inspectors General for the Department of State and Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

February 25 and 26, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Members of Congress and public witnesses, 10 a.m., on February 25 and 9:30 a.m., and 1 p.m., on February 26, 2358 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the Customs Service, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of Agriculture, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Inspector General for the Department of Justice, 11 a.m., and on the Legal Services Corporation, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Interior, on the Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Director, NIH, 10 a.m., on the National Cancer Institute and the National Eye Institute, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on National Security, on the fiscal year 1998 Defense Budget, 2212 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., and on the Secret Service, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 26 and 27, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 11 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 27, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the FDA, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on the Secretary of the Treasury, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the National Center of Human Genome Research; and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, 10 a.m., and on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Overview, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on the U.S. European Command, 10 a.m., and, executive, on the U.S. Atlantic Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, February 25, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on Financial Services Modernization legislation including H.R. 268, Depository Institution Affiliation and Thrift Charter Conversion Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, hearing on H.R. 2, Housing and Opportunity Responsibility Act of 1997, and on Personal Responsibility and Accountability in Communities, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on issues currently facing the Credit Union Industry, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 27, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Budget Proposal for the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, February 26, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing and markup of the following bills: H.R. 649, Department of Energy Standardization Act of 1997; and H.R. 363, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington; and H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare Managed Care: Payment and Related Issues, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 25, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Adult Education Act, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 25, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "Counternarcotics Efforts in Mexico and Along the Southwest Border," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing and markup of H.R. 240, Veterans' Employment Opportunity Act of 1997, 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Civic Volunteers, Youth Service Organizations, and the War on Drugs, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Mission, Management, and Performance, 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, oversight hearing on the 1997 National Drug Control Strategy, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, February 26, Task Force on Contested Election, hearing on the Forty Sixth Congressional District of California, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, February 25, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Foreign Assistance Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, hearing on New Thinking on Foreign Assistance, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Engaging the Hermit Kingdom: U.S. Policy Toward North Korea, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 26, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following: H.R. 400, 21st Century Patent System Improvement Act; H.R. 673, Patent and Trademark Office Surcharge Extension Act of 1997; and the Patent Term Restoration Act, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Crime and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing on the following bills: H.R. 26, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply if the conviction occurred before the prohibitions became law; and H.R. 445, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply to government entities, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding Free Speech and Campaign Finance Reform, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding deception of a Congressional Task Force delegation to the Miami District of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, February 25, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Research and Development, executive, joint briefing on

intelligence assessments by the CIA, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, hearing on defense reform, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Navy shipbuilding overview, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the fiscal year 1998 military construction budget request for programs of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the Active and Reserve Components of the Department of the Army, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Department of Defense health care alternatives for Military Medicare-Eligible Beneficiaries, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Defense research and development for future readiness, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the Federal response to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing and markup of H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geographic Mapping Act of 1992, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, and Wildlife and Oceans, to hold a hearing on H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act, 9 a.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on the NOAA fiscal year 1998 budget request, which includes funding for the National Marine Fisheries Service, 12 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Research and Resource Management in the National Park Service, 12 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, the Bipartisan Ad Hoc Task Force on the Recodification of House Rules, to hold an organizational meeting; followed by a briefing by the House Parliamentarian, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 27, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Surface Transportation Research Needs for the Next Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 27, hearing on the Administration's Budget Request for the SBA for fiscal year 1998, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 26, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Whether the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System Should be Required in Cargo Aircraft, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to hold an organizational meeting; followed by a hearing on reauthorization of the State Boating Safety Grant Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEA Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals: On the Administration's and Other Comprehensive Reauthorization Proposals, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 27, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 VA Budget, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 25, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare HMO Payment Policies, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 25, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Annual Report of the IRS Taxpayer Advocate, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Technical Corrections to Welfare Reform legislation, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the WTO Singapore Ministerial Meeting, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 27, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Adoption, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Social Security, to hold an organizational meeting, 9 a.m., 1129 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 26, to hold hearings to examine the economic and budget outlook, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9 a.m., Tuesday, February 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 25

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 668 Airport and Airway Trust Fund Tax Reinstatement Act.



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