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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Social Security Agreement: Message wherein he transmits his Supplementary Social Security Agreement between the United States and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-47); and

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National Drug Control Strategy: Message wherein he transmits his 1997 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Inspectors General for the Department of State and Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline L. Williams-Bridger, Inspector General, Department of State; and Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the Customs Service held a hearing on the U.S. Customs Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Ray Kelly, Under Secretary, Enforcement; and George Weise, Commissioner of Customs, U.S. Customs Service.

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on Financial Services Modernization legislation including H.R. 268, Depository Institution Affiliation and Thrift Charter Conversion Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOUSING AND OPPORTUNITY RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development held a hearing on H.R. 2, Housing and Opportunity Responsibility Act of 1997, and on Personal Responsibility and Accountability in Communities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADULT EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Adult Education Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas; Patricia McNeil, Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education; Andy Hartman, Director, National Institute for Literacy, Department of Health and Human Services; Sam Drew, Director, Office of Communications, Department of Education, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS IN MEXICO AND ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on "Counternarcotics Efforts in Mexico and Along the Southwest Border". Testimony was heard from Representative Bonilla; Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA; and Douglas M. Kruhm, Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Tony Castaneda, Chief of Police, Eagle Pass, Texas.

ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Foreign Assistance Budget Request. Testimony was heard from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, United States International Development Cooperation Agency.

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS BY THE CIA

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Research and Development met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on intelligence assessments by the CIA. The Subcommittees were briefed by representatives of the CIA.

MEDICARE HMO PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare HMO Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis, CBO; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; Joseph Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Systems Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ANNUAL REPORT—IRS TAXPAYER ADVOCATE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Annual Report of the IRS Taxpayer Advocate. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Lee R. Monks, Taxpayer Advocate; Fran Romano, Connecticut/Rhode Island District, Tom George, South Texas District, Louis Romito, Pennsylvania District-Pittsburg, Elayne M. Goldstein, Midwest District, and Jeanne Williams, North Florida District, all District Taxpayer Advocates.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the impact of capital gains taxes on farmers, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to review the Federal Reserve's monetary policy report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to continue hearings on the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for pro-

grams of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

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

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

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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, 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.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

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

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.

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

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.

Subcommittee on National Security, on the fiscal year 1998 Defense Budget, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

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

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.

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

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

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing and markup of the following bills: H.R. 649, Department of Energy Standardization Act of 1997;