

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Charlene Barshefsky as U.S. Trade Representative.  
House committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1935–S2004*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 392–408. **Pages S1979–80**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
Reported on Tuesday, March 4, 1997:

S. Res. 19, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibetan ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China. **Page S1979**

#### Measures Passed:

*Trade Act Application Waiver:* By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 26), Senate passed S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1945–70**

Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 19, to require Congressional approval before any international trade agreement that has the effect of amending or repealing statutory law of the United States law can be implemented in the United States. (By 84 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S1945–70**

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

Transmitting the notice of the continuation of the Iran emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–20).

**Pages S1978–79**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 27 EX), Charlene Barshefsky, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

**Pages S1970–73, S2004**

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

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine list in the Marine Corps. **Pages S2003–04**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S1978–79**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S1979**

**Communications:** **Page S1979**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S1980–97**

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**Notices of Hearings:** **Page S1998**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S1998–99**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1999–S2003**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—27) **Pages S1970, S1973**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:47 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, March 6, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2003.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STRUCTURE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to review strategic planning and management of information technology at the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; and John W. Harman, Assistant Comptroller General and Chief Information Officer, and Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, both of the General Accounting Office.

#### GLOBAL ASSESSMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held closed hearings to examine global assessment issues, receiving testimony from Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 12.

#### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation modernization issues, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Richard A. Davis, Director, National Security Analysis, General Accounting Office; and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Director, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies within the Department of Defense and the Military Services, receiving testimony from Mark Gebicke, Director, Elliot Smith, Assistant Director, and Beverly Schladt, Senior Evaluator, all of Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, General Accounting Office; Staff Sgt. Denise Slaughter, USAF; Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator 2 Richard Winland, USN; Staff Sgt. Stephen Simmons, USA; Gunnery Sgt. James Ruffin, USMC; Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel; Maj. Gen. Alfonso E. Lenhardt, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Maj. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Com-

mand; and Brig. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan, III, USAF, Commander of Air Force Recruiting Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 12.

#### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on defense programs to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, receiving testimony from Franklin C. Miller, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### 1998 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Congressional Budget Office analysis of the President's budget for fiscal year 1998, after receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, James L. Blum, Deputy Director, and Paul Von de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, all of the Congressional Budget Office.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

#### AVIATION SAFETY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine aviation safety issues, focusing on the recommendations of the Gore Commission on Aviation Security, receiving testimony from Nancy McFadden, General Counsel, and Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, General Accounting Office; Anthony J. Broderick, Catlett, Virginia, former Federal Aviation Administration Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification; Brian Michael Jenkins, Kröll Associates, Los Angeles, California, and Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, International Air Safety, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security; and John Meenan, Air Transport Association of America, Robert W. Hahn, American Enterprise Institute, and Edward Wytkind, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management met to further receive testimony on the impact of

the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act on the administrative and judicial appeals of land management decisions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management from Ross Gorte, Specialist in Natural Resource Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Felice Pace, Klamath Forest Alliance, Etna, California; Mike Francis, Wilderness Society, John Doggett, American Farm Bureau Federation, R. Denny Scott, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and George Leonard, all of Washington, D.C.; Andy Stahl, Association of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, Eugene, Oregon; Frank Gladics, Western Forest Industries Association, Portland, Oregon; and Sam Anderson, National Ski Area Association, Denver, Colorado.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

### SUPERFUND REFORM

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded hearings on S. 8, to authorize funds for and reform the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (Superfund), after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; New Mexico Assistant Attorney General Charlie De Saillan, Environmental Enforcement Division, Santa Fe; Richard Gimello, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Linda H. Biagioni, Black and Decker Corporation, Towson, Maryland; Karen Florini, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.; Barbara Williams, Sunny Ray Restaurant, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Karen O'Regan, Phoenix Environmental Programs, Phoenix, Arizona; Larry L. Lockner, Shell Oil Company, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute; Robert Spiegel, Edison Wetlands Association, Edison, New Jersey; and Rich A. Heig, Kennecott Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### MEDICARE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee resumed hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal

year 1998 for the Medicare program, receiving testimony from Jane Baumgarten, North Bend, Oregon, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Todd C. Linden, Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell, Iowa, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Alan R. Nelson, American Society of Internal Medicine, Washington, D.C.; Seymour I. Schwartz, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the American College of Surgeons; and Tim Size, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, Sauk City, on behalf of the National Rural Health Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### HIGH-RISK MANAGEMENT REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on proposals to develop and implement management reforms to provide Federal agencies with strategies and techniques to increase effectiveness, reduce costs, and minimize risks associated with program and administrative management, receiving testimony from John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; and Dwight P. Robinson, Deputy Secretary, and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 295, to promote cooperation and teamwork among worker-management relations in the American labor force.

### BUDGET/OPERATIONS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held oversight hearings to review the budget and operations of the National Gallery of Art and certain legislative offices, receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art; Gary L. Sisco, Secretary of the Senate; Gregory S. Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 41 public bills, H.R. 922–962; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 36–38 and H. Res. 81–83, were introduced. **Pages H765–67**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H727**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. **Page H727**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn. **Page H727**

**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and agree to the following resolutions:

*Guatemalan Peace Process:* H. Con. Res. 17, congratulating the people of Guatemala on the success of the recent negotiations to establish a peace process for Guatemala (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 29); **Pages H730–32, H737–38**

*Nicaraguan Democratic Elections:* H. Con. Res. 18, congratulating the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their democratic elections held on October 20, 1996 (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 30); **Pages H732–35, H738**

*Secretary Warren Christopher:* S. Con. Res. 4, commending and thanking the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary service as Secretary of State; and **Pages H735–36**

*Display of the Ten Commandments:* H. Con. Res. 31, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the display of the Ten Commandments by Judge Roy S. Moore, a judge on the circuit court of the State of Alabama (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 295 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 31; the concurrent resolution was debated on Tuesday, March 4, 1997). **Pages H738–39**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Iran:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–51). **Page H737**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m. **Page H737**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 82, electing Representatives English of Pennsylvania, Nethercutt, Coburn, and Sessions to the Committee on Science. **Page H739**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H737–38, H738, and H738–39. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Farm Credit Administration and on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from Marsha Martin, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and Mary Ann Keeffe, Acting Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Secretary of State and on the FBI. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and Louie Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Energy Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a

hearing on National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Library of Medicine, the National Institute on Nursing Research and the Fogarty International Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Phillip Gorden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Donald Lindeberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; Patricia Grady, M.D., Director, National Institute on Nursing Research; and Philip Schambra, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Construction. Testimony was heard from Mike Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Logistics and Environment.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in an executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea and on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Forces Korea; and Gen. Binford J.H. Peay, III, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

#### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the IRS; the U.S. Mint; Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and the Financial Management Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Larry Summers, Deputy Secretary; Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, IRS; Philip N. Diehl, Director of the Mint; Larry Roluff, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Russell D. Morris, Commissioner, Federal Management Service; and George Munoz, Assistant Secretary, Management and Chief Financial Officer.

#### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Council on Environmental Quality and on the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Coun-

cil on Environmental Quality; and John H. Gibbons, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

#### FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Financial Modernization. Testimony was heard from Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller, Department of the Treasury; and Ricki T. Helfer, Chairman, FDIC.

#### CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Conduct of Monetary Policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

#### HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development held a hearing on H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 649, Department of Energy Standardization Act of 1997; H.R. 363, amended, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program; 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 hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington.

#### MEDICARE HOME HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare Home Health Care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and Michael F. Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General; the following officials of the GAO: William Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, Health, Education, and Human Services; and Thomas Doudal, Senior Assistant Director, Health and Human Services Division; Donald A. Young, M.D., Executive Director, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1, Working Families Flexibility Act; and H.R. 914, to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures.

**ADMINISTRATION'S EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Education Initiatives. Testimony was heard from Richard Riley, Secretary of Education.

**IMPROPER GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP TO INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims of the Committee on the Judiciary held a joint Subcommittee hearing on Improper Granting of U.S. Citizenship to Individuals with Criminal Records. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General, Administration; Dawn Johnsen, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel; Doris M. Meissner, Commissioner, David Rosenberg, Citizenship USA Program Director; Louis D. Crocetti, Associate Commissioner, Examinations and David Martin, General Counsel, all with the Immigration and Naturalization Service; Laurie E. Ekstrand, Associate Director, Administration of Justice, General Government Division, GAO; and a public witness.

**COMMITTEE FUNDING**

*Committee on House Oversight:* Met to consider funding requests from the following Committees: House Oversight; Ways and Means; Small Business; International Relations; Agriculture; Judiciary; Standards of Official Conduct; Transportation and Infrastructure; Veterans' Affairs; Science; and Intelligence.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Con. Res. 16, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Bahmaputra River Basin; H. Res. 68, amended, stating the sense of the House of Representatives that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan, and the nations of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring

the treaty's implementation; and H.R. 750, amended, to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its reversion to the People's Republic of China.

Following this action, the subcommittee held a hearing on AID Activities and the Central Asian Republics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency: Thomas Dine, Assistant Administrator, Europe and the New Independent States; and Charles Weden, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia.

**NAFTA REPORT CARD**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on "Report Card on NAFTA." Testimony was heard from Representatives Houghton, Bonior and Kaptur; Regina Vargo, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere, Department of Commerce; Ira Shapiro, Senior Counsel and Negotiator, Office of the U. S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

**FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998: U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Testimony was heard from John D. Holum, Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 400, amended, 21st Century Patent System Improvement Act; H.R. 672, amended, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code; and H.R. 908, to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals.

**FIREARMS PROHIBITION—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a 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. Testimony was heard from Pete Gagliardi, Deputy Associate Director, Criminal Enforcement Programs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury;

David R. Loesch, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Service Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Capt. R. Lewis Vass; Records Management Officer, Department of Police, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### DOD AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF, Chief of Staff, Air Force.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### TACTICAL FIGHTER CRAFT MODERNIZATION

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on tactical fighter craft modernization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology); and Gen. Joseph Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Cindy Williams, Assistant Director, National Security Division, CBO; and Louis Rodrigues, Director, Defense Acquisitions, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 32, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920; H.R. 63, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, CA, as Trinity Lake; H.R. 412, amended, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Lake; H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act; and H.R. 709, amended, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

#### QUINCY LIBRARY GROUP FOREST RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC STABILITY ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger and Fazio of California; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### NSF AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on NSF fiscal year authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Richard N. Zare, Chairman, National Science Board; and Neal Lane, Director.

#### CLONING: HOW FAR SHOULD WE GO?

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Biotechnology and the Ethics of Cloning: How Far Should We Go? Testimony was heard from Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Caird E. Rexroad, Jr., Supervisory Research Physiologist, Agriculture Research Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### ETHICS PROCESS IN THE HOUSE

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue hearings on the Ethics Process in the House. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

#### GSA FISCAL YEAR AND RENT SHORTFALL

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on the GSA fiscal year Program and Rent Shortfall. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

#### SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Superfund Reauthorization: Lessons from the State. Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Governor, State of New Jersey; Mary A. Gade, Director, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Illinois; Langdon Marsh, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Oregon; Peder Larson, Commissioner, Pollution Control Agency, State of Minnesota; John P. Cahill, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York; Jane T. Nishida, Secretary, Department of Environment, State of Maryland; James M. Strock, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; Russell J. Harding, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan; Harold F. Reheis, Director, Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia; and Jay J. Manning, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Ecology Division, Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington.

## ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET— EDUCATION AND TRAINING TAX PROVISIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the Education and Training Tax Provisions of the Administration's Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from Senator Coverdell; Representatives Rangel, Price of North Carolina and Etheridge; Donald C. Lubick, Acting Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS; UNCONVENTIONAL SIGINT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a briefing on Unconventional SIGINT (Signal Intelligence). The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D165)

H.R. 499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlite Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejada Post Office Building". Signed March 3, 1997. (P.L. 105-4)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of State, 2 p.m., S-146A, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Keith R. Hall, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Yolanda Townsend Wheat, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Charles A. Gueli, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, and Jeffrey A.

Frankel, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space and Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold joint hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine product liability reform, focusing on the implementation of the General Aviation Revitalization Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* business meeting, to consider the nomination of Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy; to be followed by hearings to examine issues with regard to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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 programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and innovative transportation financing, technology, construction and design practices, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings on proposals to expand Individual Retirement Accounts, including S. 197, proposed Savings and Investment Incentive Act of 1997, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Information Agency (USIA) and international broadcasting, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Karen Shepherd, of Utah, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine Federal tax policy for the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider S. Res. 56, designating March 25, 1997 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy", and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine health care quality and consumer protection, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Rules and Administration,* to hear and consider the Committee on Governmental Affairs' request for additional funding, 2:15 p.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs,* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the

legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*, closed business meeting, on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging*, to hold hearings to examine the challenges facing retiring baby boomers, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

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For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E393-95 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., and on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., and on the Federal Courts; the Administrative Office and the Federal Judicial Center, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on TVA, 10 a.m., and on Appalachian Regional Commission, 11 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease and the National Center for Research Resources, 10 a.m., and on the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Dental Research, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1998 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and on Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on GAO, 10 a.m., and on the Secretary of Transportation, 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Secretary of Treasury, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Federal Emergency Management Agency, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, to continue hearings on H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on the CBO's Analysis of the Administration's Budget, 11 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Securities and Exchange Commission Authorization Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Assisted Suicide: Legal, Medical, Ethical, and Social Issues, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, hearing on Federal Telecommunications System Acquisition Strategy (Post-FTS 2000), 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to continue Agency oversight hearings: the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Labor: Mission, Management, and Performance, 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to consider Committee funding requests, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, to markup the following measures: H. Con. Res. 16, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Bahmaputra River Basin; H. Res. 68, stating the sense of the House of Representatives that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan, and the nations of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the treaty's implementation; H.R. 750, to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its reversion to the People's Republic of China; and a resolution disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Congressional Review Act, 10:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to markup the following measures: H.R. 747, Witness Relocation Notification Act of 1997; the United States Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1997; the Prisoner Service Opportunity Act of 1997; and the Victim Allocation Clarification Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, to continue hearings on Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on ballistic missile defense, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on fiscal year 1998 budget authorization request for Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, to markup H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Administration's Budget request for the SBA for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, Task Force on Ethics Reform, executive, to continue hearings on the Ethics Process in the House, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on ISTEА Reauthorization: Policy Initiatives and Requests for Highway and Transit Projects, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare HMO Regulation and Quality, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Iran Terrorism, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, the Association of the U.S. Army, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Blinded Veterans Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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12 noon, Thursday, March 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 a.m., Thursday, March 6

### Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of four Senators for speeches and the transaction of any routine morning business (not to extend beyond 1:30 p.m.), Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

### House Chamber

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