

Thursday, March 6, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2005–S2034

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 409–411. **Page S2021**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 56, designating March 25, 1997 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

S. Res. 60, to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997.

Measures Passed:

Hearst Senate Youth Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 60, to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997.

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Committee Funding—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, on Monday, March 10, 1997.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the 1997 Trade Policy Agenda and 1996 annual report on the Trade Agreements Program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–21).

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Measure Indefinitely Postponed: Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of the following measure:

International Family Planning: S.J. Res. 14, affirming certain findings of the President of the United States with regard to programs concerning international family planning.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S2033, S2034**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James B. King, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:33 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2034.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of State, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 11.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Keith R. Hall, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Wheat was introduced by Senator Bond, and Mr. Frankel was introduced by Senator Boxer.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings on proposals to reform product liability, focusing on the effectiveness of the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from John Moore, Cessna Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas; Bradley Mottier, Unison Industries, Jacksonville, Florida; Paul Newman, New Piper Aircraft, Inc., Vero Beach, Florida; Scott Tarry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Robert Creamer, Citizen Action of Illinois, Chicago; John Petersen, Montgomery County Action Council, Coffeyville, Kansas; and John Yodice, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Edward Bolin, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.

NOAA 1998 BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries and the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded joint hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, after receiving testimony from D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, Robert S. Winokur, Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, and Andrew H. Moxam, Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, all of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES DEREGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held oversight hearings to discuss proposals to advance the goals of deregulation and competition in the electric power industry, receiving testimony from Jeffrey K. Skilling, Enron Corp., Houston, Texas; Allen Franklin, Georgia Power Company, Atlanta, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Frederick W. Buckman, PacifiCorp, Portland, Oregon; Pradeep Mehra, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; James Kallenberger, Payless ShoeSource, Inc., Topeka, Kansas, on behalf of the International Mass Retail Association; P. Chrisman Iribe, U.S. Generating Company, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; Steve Frank, Southern California Edison Company, Rosemead; Daniel A. Lashof, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; Sunny Popowsky, Pennsylvania State Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg; Larry Hall, KN Energy, Inc., Lakewood, Colorado, on behalf of the Natural Gas Power Group and the Interstate Natural Gas Association; and Arthur W. Adelberg, Central Maine Power Company, Augusta, on behalf of the PURPA Reform Group.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held oversight hearings to discuss 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, receiving testimony from Sally K. Fairfax, University of California, Berkeley, Randall O'Toole, Thoreau Institute, Eugene, Oregon; Johanna Wald, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco, California; Steve Blomeke, National Wildlife Federation, Bismarck, North Dakota; Charles Graham, Selkirk-Priest Basin Association, Moscow, Idaho; Jamie Dalton, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Salt Lake City; Paul Kruse, Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy, Cheyenne; Paul Frey, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Sue Kupillas, Medford, Oregon.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and innovative transportation financing, technology, construction and design practices, receiving testimony from Representative DeLauro; Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Jane Garvey, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, and Christine Johnson, Director of the Joint Program Office, Intelligent Transportation Systems, all of the Department of Transportation; Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, Joseph Christoff, Assistant Director, and Yvonne Pufahl, Senior Evaluator, all of the General Accounting Office; Robert E. Skinner, Jr., Executive Director, Transportation Research Board, National Academy of Sciences; Gerald S. Pfeffer, United Infrastructure Company, Chicago, Illinois; Daniel V. Flanagan, Jr., Flanagan Consulting Group, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Commission to Promote Investment in America's Infrastructure; and James Costantino, Intelligent Transportation Society of America, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IRA'S

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to expand Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's), including S. 197, proposed Savings and Investment Incentive Act, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, Dallas L. Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, and John S. Tottie, Citizens for a Sound Economy, all of Washington, D.C.; R. Glenn Hubbard, Columbia University, New York, New York, and Steven F. Venti, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, both on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research; and Robert C. Pozen, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care resumed hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare program and its long-term status, receiving testimony from Stuart M. Butler, Heritage Foundation, Robert B. Helms, American Enterprise Institute, and Michael B. Tanner, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; and Lynn Etheredge,

Health Insurance Reform Project/George Washington University, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Karen Shepherd, of Utah, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

USIA 1998 BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Information Agency and international broadcasting, after receiving testimony from Joseph D. Duffey, Director, and Kevin Klose, President, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, both of the U.S. Information Agency.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAX REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine Federal tax policy issues for the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton; District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry; and Jack Kemp, Empower America, Daniel J. Mitchell, Heritage Foundation, and William A. Niskanen, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 56, designating March 25, 1997 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy";

S. Res. 60, to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997; and

The nominations of Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Colleen Kollar Kotelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, and Lyle Weir Swenson, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine health care quality

and consumer protection issues, focusing on managed care and fee-for-service plans, after receiving testimony from Bruce M. Fried, Director, Office of Managed Care, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas State Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Topeka; Judith G. Waxman, Families U.S.A. Foundation, Washington, D.C.; William L. Roper, Prudential HealthCare, Roseland, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; Mark R. Chassin, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York; Gail Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland; James C. Cubbin, General Motors Corporation, Flint, Michigan; Patricia Salber, Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, California; and Peter Berman, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the amendment authorizes \$4,350,000 for the sole purpose of conducting an investigation of illegal activities in connection with 1996 Federal election campaigns.)

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on S. Res. 39 (listed above), after receiving testimony from Senators Thompson and Glenn.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending committee business, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

BABY BOOMER RETIREMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the challenges of providing health and income security for baby boomers who will begin retirement in the year 2010, and the impact on Federal programs affecting the elderly, after receiving testimony from Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland; David M. Walker, Arthur Andersen, Atlanta, Georgia; Dallas L. Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, and Barry P. Bosworth, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; Madelyn Hochstein, DYG, Inc., Danbury, Connecticut; Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Robert N. Butler, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York, on behalf of the Alliance for Aging Research; and H. James Towey, Commission on Aging With Dignity, Tallahassee, Florida.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 963–997; 2 private bills, H.R. 998–999; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 60–61, H. Con. Res. 39–41, and H. Res. 84–86, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 852, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (H. Rept. 105–7 Part I).

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

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 33, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 5.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 75 yeas to 293 nays, Roll No. 32).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 1997; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 12.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Blumenauer wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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