

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2095–S2156

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 419–425. **Page S2129**

Measures Passed:

Committee Funding: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (1 voting present) (Vote No. 29), Senate passed S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2096–S2109, S2113–25**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (1 voting present) (Vote No. 28), Lott-Thompson-Warner Amendment No. 23, of a clarifying nature. **Pages S2109, S2113–14**
Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Withdrawn:

Glenn Amendment No. 21, to clarify the scope of the investigation. **Pages S2096–S2109, S2116**

Lott-Warner Modified Amendment No. 22 (to Amendment No. 21), to limit the scope of the committee investigation to illegal activities in the 1996 Federal campaign elections, and require the referral to the Committee on Rules and Administration any evidence of activities which are not illegal but which may require an investigation. **Pages S2096–S2108**

Ngawang Choephel: Senate agreed to 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. **Pages S2153–55**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Frederico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S2116, S2155–56**

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res.

18, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, on Wednesday, March 12, 1997. **Page S2156**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 83-420, as amended by Public Law 99-371, appointed Senator McCain to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. **Page S2153**

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and Public Law 100-365, appointed Senator Jeffords to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. **Page S2153**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Lyle Weir Swenson, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years. **Pages S2153, S2156**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 1999.

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

13 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S2156**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—29)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 12, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2156.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, education, and extension programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, receiving testimony from Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences, on behalf of the National Research Council; Terry Kinney, York, South Carolina, former Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture; Dennis T. Avery, Hudson Institute, Churchville, Virginia; R. Rodney Foil, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi, on behalf of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Richard F. Ross, Iowa State University, Ames; Samuel L. Donald, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, on behalf of the Association of Research Directors for the 1890 Land-Grant Universities; Ron McNeil, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates, North Dakota, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Margaret N. Perry, University of Tennessee, Martin, on behalf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and Victor L. Lechtenberg, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board/Department of Agriculture.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 13.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Mary Ann Keeffe, Acting Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, William E. Ludwig, Administrator, and George A. Braley, Associate Administrator, both of the Food and Consumer Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

APPROPRIATIONS—SBA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Navy and Air Force military construction programs, receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installation, and Environment.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Teresa Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center; and Leslie L. Byrne, Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Consumer Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 13.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on science and technology programs, receiving testimony from Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and

Anita K. Jones, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, both of the Department of Defense; John Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Authur Money, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Larry Lynn, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; and A. Fenner Milton, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine an alternative budget proposal for fiscal year 1998 by a House coalition, receiving testimony from Representatives Minge and Stenholm, both on behalf of the Coalition Budget Task Force.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

MEDICAID REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the National Governors' Association views on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for Medicaid, focusing on Medicaid cost saving strategies, children's health, and managed care quality, receiving testimony from Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake City, and Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson City, both on behalf of the National Governors' Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CENSUS 2000

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine Department of Commerce plans to provide for an accurate 2000 decennial census, receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary, Everett M. Ehrlich, Under Secretary for Economic

Affairs, and Martha Farnsworth Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census, all of the Department of Commerce.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Employment and Training concluded oversight hearings to review the effectiveness of Federal job training programs and changes needed to meet the skill demands in a competitive marketplace, after receiving testimony from Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor; Arnold R. Tompkins, Ohio Department of Human Services, Columbus; Robert T. Jones, National Alliance of Business, Washington, D.C.; Gary Walker, Private Public Ventures, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and William J. Spring, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the MASS Jobs Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee approved their fiscal year 1998 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall under the jurisdiction of the committee which they will make to the Committee on the Budget.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee began hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, where the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Kennedy, Kerry, and McCain, and former Senator Rudman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1003–1029; 1 private bill, H.R. 1030; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62–63, H. Con. Res. 42–45, and H. Res. 89 and 91, were introduced. Pages H887–89

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 649, to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 105–11);

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 (H. Rept. 105–12);

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 (H. Rept. 105–13);

H.R. 914, to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures (H. Rept. 105–14);

H. Res. 88, providing for consideration of 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. 105-15);

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. Rept. 105-16);

H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, amended (H. Rept. 105-17); and

H. Res. 90, providing for consideration of H. Res. 89, requesting the President to submit a budget for fiscal year 1998 that would balance the Federal budget by fiscal year 2002 without relying on budgetary contingencies (H. Rept. 105-18). **Page H887**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ehlers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H813**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian of Virginia. **Page H818**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H818**

Joint Economic Committee: The Speaker announced his appointment of Representatives Stark, Hamilton, Hinchey, and Maloney of New York to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H818**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Skelton wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Small Business. Subsequently, and without objection, the Speaker accepted the resignation from the Committee. **Page H818**

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

U.S. Trade Representative: S.J. Res. 5, Waiving Certain Provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 Relating to the Appointment of the U.S. Trade Representative; **Pages H819-28**

Department of Energy Standardization Act: H.R. 649, to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974; **Pages H828-29**

Washington State Hydroelectric Project—Calligan Creek: 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; **Pages H829-30**

Washington State Hydroelectric Project—Hancock Creek: 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; **Page H830**

Trinity Lake of California: H.R. 63, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake"; **Pages H830-31**

Hawaiian Homes Commission Amendments: 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; **Pages H831-33**

National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization: H.R. 709, amended, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; **Page H833-36**

Ganges and Brahmaputra River Basin: H. Con. Res. 16, amended, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra River Basin (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 36); **Pages H836-38**

Mutual Cooperation and Security Treaty Between U.S. and Japan: 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; agreed to amend the title (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 37); **Pages H838-41**

Hong Kong Reversion Act: H.R. 750, amended, to support the autonomous governance of Hong Kong after its reversion to the People's Republic of China (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 38); and **Pages H841-46**

Graduation Data Disclosures: H.R. 914, amended, to make certain technical corrections in the Higher Education Act of 1965 relating to graduation data disclosures. **Pages H846-47**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. **Page H847**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H847-48, H848-49, and H849. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on marketing and regulatory programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Terry Medley, Administrator, Animal and Health Inspection Service; Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agriculture and Marketing Service; James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Packers and Stockyards Administration; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

COMMERCE-JUSTICE-STATE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Baca, Interim Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Secretary of Education, and on Elementary and Secondary Education and Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Richard W. Riley, Secretary; Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; Delia Pompa, Director, Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs; and Thomas Corwin, Director, Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Analysis Division, Budget Service.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Air Force. Testimony was heard from Rodney Coleman, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Management, Personnel Affairs, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1998 Air Force Budget overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogelman, USAF, Chief of Staff.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on National Transportation Safety Board and on the Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Joyce Fleischman, Acting Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the National Park Service, on the Executive Office of the President, and on OMB. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Terry Carlstrom, Acting Regional Director, National Capitol Region; and James McDaniel, Associate Regional Director, White House Liaison; the following officials of the Office of Administration: Ada L. Posey, Acting Director; and Jurg Hochuli, Associate Director, Financial Management Division; and Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY— GEOGRAPHIC TARGETING ORDER

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the use of the Department of the Treasury Geographic Targeting Order. Testimony was heard from Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Raymond Kelly, Under Secretary, Enforcement, Department of the Treasury; Robert Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Howard Safir, Commissioner, Policy Department, City of New York.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1997

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development continued hearings on H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Steven Goldsmith, Mayor, Indianapolis, Indiana; and public witnesses.

MEDICAID REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicaid Reform: the Governor's View. Testimony was heard from William Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, Health, Education, and Human Services, GAO; Gail Wilensky, Chair, Board of Directors, Physician Payment Review Commission; the following Governors: Michael O. Leavitt, State of Utah; and Bob Miller, State of Nevada; and a public witness.

D.C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, approved for full Committee action as amended H.R. 514, to permit waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Management: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 173, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus law enforcement canines to their handlers; H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals; and H.R. 930, Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1997.

NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES—U.S. ASSISTANCE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard Morningstar, Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States, Department of State; and Thomas Dine, Assistant Administrator, Europe and the Newly Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

FOREIGN RELATIONS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Relations Reauthorization for FY 1998: Refugees and Migration. Testimony was heard from Phyllis E. Oakley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

DOD CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION; BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Defense program for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpile and fiscal year 1998 budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); Michael A. Parker, Deputy to the Commander, Program Manager, Assembled Chemical Munitions Demilitarization Alternatives, Chemical and Biological Defense Command; and Theodore Procriv, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs (Chemical/Biological Matters).

ARMY MODERNIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Army modernization. Testimony was heard from Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Army (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of Defense.

MEASURING READINESS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on measuring readiness. Testimony was heard from Mark Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Finch, Deputy Under Secretary (Readiness); Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer, USAF, Deputy Director, Current Readiness and Capabilities, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Maj. Gen. D. C. Grange, Director, Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. John Craine, Jr., USN, Director, Assessments, Department of the Navy; Maj. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, Department of the Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Matthew Broderick, USMC, Director, Operations Division, Plans, Policy and Operations Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Mark Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities, GAO.

STATE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION ACT PROGRAM—FEDERAL FUNDING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on Federal funding of the State Land and Water Conservation Act Program. Testimony was heard from Kate Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Donald W. Murphy, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California; and public witnesses.

PAPERWORK ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1997. The rule accords priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Talent and Representative LaFalce.

BALANCED BUDGET

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H. Res. 89, requesting the President to submit a budget for fiscal year 1998 that would balance the Federal budget by fiscal year 2002 without relying on budgetary contingencies. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget or their designees. Finally the rule provides one motion to recommit, which may contain instructions if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. If the motion includes instructions, then it shall be debatable for five minutes by the proponent and five minutes by an opponent. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sununu, Granger, Pitts, Spratt, Minge, Stenholm, and Tauscher.

BUDGET AUTHORIZATION—EPA

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, held hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: EPA Research and Development. Testimony was heard from Joseph K. Alexander, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; Stanley J. Czerwinski, Associate Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and a public witness.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on Member policy initiatives and requests for highway and transit projects in the ISTEA Reauthor-

ization. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress; and Kirk Fordice, Governor, State of Mississippi.

Hearings continue March 13.

MEDICARE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Teaching Hospitals and Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments. Testimony was heard from Joseph Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Gail Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and public witnesses.

BUDGET AUTHORIZATIONS—CUSTOMS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, OFFICE OF TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the U.S. Customs, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from George J. Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Marcia E. Miller, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission; the following officials of the GAO: Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division; and JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division; and public witnesses.

SPECIAL NAVY BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a Briefing: Special Navy. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Joint Hearing: Senate Committees on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia and Appropriations' Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held joint hearings with the House Committees on Government Reform and Oversight's Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and Appropriations' Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the financial condition of the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Susan Golding, San Diego, California; Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mayor Patrick McCrory, Charlotte,

North Carolina; Mayor Edward Rendell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mayor Knox White, Greenville, South Carolina.

Committees will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Judiciary concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on the Constitution on S. 6 and H.R. 929, bills to ban partial birth abortions, after receiving testimony from Renee Chelian, National Coalition of Abortion Providers, Southfield, Michigan; Kate Michelman, National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, Helen M. Alvare, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Vicki Saporta, National Abortion Federation, and Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life Committee, all of Washington, D.C.; Gloria Feldt, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, New York, New York; Curtis R. Cook, Grandville, Michigan; Eileen Sullivan, Los Angeles, California; Maureen Britell, Forestdale, Massachusetts; and Whitney Goin, Orlando, Florida.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile projects, 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 Justice, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Army Force XXI initiatives and Army modernization programs, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on U.S. national security space programs and policies, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies pertaining to military compensation and quality of life programs, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs, on Indian housing programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget, to hold joint hearings with the House Budget Committee to examine National governors' issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine universal telephone service, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Graduate Medical Education program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

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 security assistance, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold a closed briefing and an open hearing on Mexican and American responses to the international narcotics threat, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine scientific discoveries in cloning, focusing on challenges for public policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Smithsonian Institution, the Woodrow Wilson International Center, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, on Indian housing programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, CA, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school; H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center; and H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on the status of the electronic benefit transfer system for the food stamp program, 9:30 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and public

witnesses, 10:30 a.m., and on food safety, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on United States Information Agency/International Broadcasting, 10 a.m., and, executive, on Counterterrorism, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education; Special Education; and Rehabilitative Services, 10 a.m., and on Postsecondary Education, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Housing Privatization Efforts, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Air Force Acquisition Programs, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 9 a.m., and on National Credit Union Administration, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on financial services modernization, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on correcting the CPI, 2:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up the following: the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997; H.R. 968, to amend Title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; and a measure to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission, 10 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following: H.R. 173, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus law enforcement canines to their handlers; H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals; H.R. 930, Travel and Transportation Act of 1997; H.R. 514, amended, to permit waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia; H.R. 240, Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1997; and a report entitled "A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records", 11 a.m., and to continue hearings on Federal

Communications System Acquisition Strategy (post FTS 2000): An Industry Perspective, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to mark up committee funding resolution, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S.-Russian Relations, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Democratic Continuity and Change in South Asia, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Western Hemisphere Today: A Roundtable Discussion, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 924, Victim Allocation Clarification Act of 1997; H.R. 926, Prisoner Service Opportunity Act of 1997; H.R. 927, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act; H.R. 400, 21st Century Patent System Improvement Act; H.R. 672, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code; H.R. 908, to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; H.R. 929, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2141 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 Procurement, hearing on B-2 Bomber program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on reform initiatives, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 752, Citizen's Fair Hearing Act of 1997; and H.R. 757, American Samoa Development Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Orville-Tonasket Irrigation District; and H.J. Res. 58, 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, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, to hold an organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on the U.S. and Antarctica in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider pending Committee business and the Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998, 4:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on the Current State of Amtrak, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Superfund Reauthorization: Views of EPA, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 968, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities, 9:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Revenue Raising Provisions in the Administration's Fiscal Year Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., and to hold a hearing

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JOINT MEETINGS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Budget, to hold joint hearings with the House Budget Committee to examine National governors' issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will consider the nomination of Federico Peña to be Secretary of Energy, with vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will consider S.J. Res. 18, regarding campaign financing.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, March 12

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H. Res. 89, requesting the President to submit a budget for fiscal year 1998 that would balance the Federal budget by fiscal year 2002 without relying on budgetary constraints (closed rule, 2 hours of debate); and

Consideration of 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 (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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