

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 435–442, S. Con. Res. 7–11, and S. Res. 63. **Page S2274**

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued 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. **Pages S2239–73**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S2296**

Independent Counsel—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res. 22, to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 presidential election campaign. **Page S2296**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2207–97.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, education, and extension programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, receiving testimony from Catherine E. Woteki, Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics; Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director for the Biological Sciences, National Science Foundation; Wendy Baldwin, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; James F. Decker, Deputy Director for Energy Research, Department of Energy; Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agricultural Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Division, General Accounting Office; David Lineback, University of Idaho, Moscow, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology; Martin A. Apple, Council for Scientific Society Presidents, Washington, D.C.; and Louis Sherman, on behalf of the American Society of Plant Physiologists, and S. Suzanne Nielson, on behalf of the Institute for Food Technologists, both of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 18.

NATIONAL CHEESE EXCHANGE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings to explore alternatives to the National Cheese Exchange as part of the dairy pricing system, receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Keith Collins, Chief Economist, all of the Department of Agriculture; Alan T. Tracy, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Madison; E. Linwood Tipton, International Dairy Foods Association, Washington, D.C.; Edward T. Coughlin, National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Virginia; Harold J. Howrigan, St.

Albans Cooperative Creamery, Inc., Fairfield, Vermont; Buckey M. Jones, Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., Smithdale, Mississippi; Arden Tewksbury, Progressive Agriculture Organization, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania; Bill Brey, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Sturgeon Bay, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and Kenneth E. Zurin, Kenburn Farms, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 18.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

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 Department of Commerce, receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 19.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Energy, receiving testimony from Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 10.

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 military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. Howell M. Estes, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command; Gen. Eugene E. Hablger, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Strategic Command; Gen. Walter Kross, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Transportation Command; and Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 18.

AMTRAK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine held hearings to examine the financial condition of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), receiving testimony from Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Thomas M. Downs, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation; and Donald M. Itzkoff, Dep-

uty Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported, with amendments, S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES DEREGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee resumed oversight hearings to discuss proposals to advance the goals of deregulation and competition in the electric power industry, receiving testimony from Joseph Dickey, Chief Operating Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority; Richard Munson, Northeast-Midwest Institute, Washington, D.C.; Robert Claussen, Alabama Municipal Electric Agency, Montgomery; Roy Hemmingway, Oregon Northwest Energy, Portland, on behalf of the Northwest Energy Review Transition Board; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Gary Zarker, Seattle City Light, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American Public Power Association; Missy Mandell, Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin, Texas, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council; Dick Snell, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona; and Don Meiners, Entergy Mississippi, Jackson, on behalf of TVA Watch.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 20.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation held hearings to examine the future of the National Park System and to identify the needs, requirements, and innovative programs that will improve and enhance the operations of the Park Service, receiving testimony from Jim Maddy, President, National Park Foundation; James M. Ridenour, Eppley Institute/University of Indiana, Bloomington; W. James Host, National Tour Association, Inc., Lexington, Kentucky; Charles M. Clusen, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Paul C. Pritchard, National Parks and Conservation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Deanne Adams, Association of National Park Rangers, Seattle, Washington.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 20.

AUTHORIZATION—SURFACE 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 of 1991, receiving testimony from Senators Roth, Jeffords, and Biden; Michael P. Huerta, Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation/Director, Office of Intermodalism, Department of Transportation; Thomas M. Downs, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); Leslie White, C-Tran, Vancouver, Washington, on behalf of the American Public Transit Association; and Karen Borlaug Phillips, Association of American Railroads, William E. Loftus, American Short Line Railroad Association, and Thomas J. Donohue, American Trucking Associations, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 19.

CAPITAL GAINS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of capital gains taxation on the cost of capital, saving and investment, and economic growth, receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, Federal Reserve System, and Allen Sinai, Primark Decision Economics, Inc., both of New York, New York; Jack Kemp, Empower America, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Mark Bloomfield, American Council for Capital Formation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alan J. Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley.

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 Guy King, Ellicott City, Maryland, former Chief Actuary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; John C. Goodman, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; David B. Kendall, Progressive Policy Institute, and Richard J. Davidson, American Hospital Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Daniel H. Johnson, Jr., Metairie, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Medical Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ACDA/INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and certain international organizations and conferences, after receiving testimony from John D. Holum, Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Princeton N. Lyman, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine issues with regard to the deployment of a national missile defense system by the United States and reductions to strategic offensive weapons in both the United States and Russia, after receiving testimony from Max M. Kampelman, Vice Chairman, U.S. Institute of Peace; and Keith B. Payne, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C., and Andrei Kortunov, Moscow Public Science Foundation, Russia, both on behalf of the National Institute for Public Policy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee began markup of S. 4, to provide private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee continued hearings in open and closed session on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, where the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 18.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1052–1082; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 48–50, and H. Res. 97–98, were introduced. **Pages H1016–18**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

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, amended (H. Rept. 105–23 Part I).

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Disapprove Presidential Certification Regarding Mexico: By a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 48, the House passed 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.

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Rejected the Hamilton motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on International Relations.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended by the Hastert amendment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 47).

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Agreed to the Hastert amendment, as modified, to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute that defers disapproval of the Presidential certification relating to Mexico if, within 90 days of enactment, the President reports to Congress that he has obtained assurances of progress with the government of Mexico to authorize additional DEA or other U.S. law enforcement agents for narcotics control operations in Mexico, authorize U.S. law enforcement agents to carry firearms in Mexico for self-defense, take measures to find and eliminate law enforcement corruption in Mexico, commit to extradite Mexican nationals wanted by the U.S. Government for drug trafficking, secure necessary aircraft overflight and refueling rights including radar coverage to monitor drug traffickers, and proceed toward a permanent maritime agreement to allow U.S. Coast Guard and other vessels to halt traffickers pursued into Mexican waters; and further establishes a High Level Commission on International Narcotics Control to review the annual certification process relating to international narcotics control and requires an interim report within six months of enactment (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 205 nays with 9 voting "present," Roll No. 46). **Pages H983–88**

Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent, to modify the Hastert amendment, as specified in House Report 105–20 accompanying the rule, by striking references to financial markets from the duties and reports of the High Level Commission on International Narcotics Control.

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H. Res. 95, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 45.

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Paperwork Elimination Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas, Roll No. 50, the House passed 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.

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H. Res. 88, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 49.

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Legislative Program: The Chairman of the Rules Committee announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 17.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 17; and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18 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 19.

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kolbe to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group as Chairman.

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Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton to the Canada-Interparliamentary Group as Chairman.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Smith of New Jersey as Co-Chairman, and Representatives Porter, Wolf, Salmon, and Christensen as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Jeffrey S. Blair of Atlanta, Georgia to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics on the part of the House. **Page H1002**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H962–63, H988, H988–89, H990, H995, and H999–H1000. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 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 Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Supreme Court, the Architect of the Capitol, the FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Testimony was heard from the following Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and David H. Souter; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; Reed E. Hunt, Chairman, FCC; and Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Energy Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy; Martha A. Krebes, Director, Energy Research; Christine Ervin, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Terry R. Lash, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance. Testimony was

heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and Thomas McNamara, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Endowments for the Arts and the National Endowments for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities; Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowments for the Arts; and Sheldon Hackney, Chairman, National Endowments for the Humanities.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Educational Research and Improvements, the Office of Inspector General, on Howard University and Special Institutions for the Disabled. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Marshall S. Smith, Under Secretary; Thomas R. Bloom, Inspector General; H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Tuck Tinsley, III, President, American Printing House for the Blind; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; Robert R. Davila, Vice President and Wendell S. Thompson, Associate Director, both with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology; Ramon F. Rodriguez, Liaison Officer, Office of Special Institutions, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Thomas P. Skelly, Director, Budget Service, Office of the Under Secretary; and Carol Cichowski, Director, Division of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Research Analysis, Budget Service, Office of the Under Secretary.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Army Budget Overview and on Army Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the Department of the Army: Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary; Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff; Gilbert

F. Decker, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. Ronald V. Hite, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition).

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Federal Highway Administration and on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jane Garvey, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: John Warren McGarry, Chairman; Joan D. Aikens, Vice Chairman; and Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner.

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Multilateral Development Banks. Testimony was heard from William E. Schuerch, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt and Environment Policy, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: 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 H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

ASSISTED SUICIDE FUNDING RESTRICTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the Administration's Education initiatives. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Green; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology concluded hearings on the Government Performance and Results Act Implementation: How to Achieve Results. Testimony was heard from Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor, City of New York.

HHS'S DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM—INFANT MORTALITY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on HHS's Demonstration Program: "Healthy Start: Implementation Lessons and Impact on Infant Mortality." Testimony was heard from Representatives Cummings, Stokes, and Thompson; from the following officials of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services: Audrey Nora, M.D., Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration; James Marks, M.D., Director, Chronic Disease Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH; and Lisa Simpson, Acting Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and public witnesses.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 956, Drug-free Communities Act of 1997.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Portman and Levin; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Foreign Assistance and U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AFRICA-U.S. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IMPACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Impact of U.S. Development Assistance in Africa. Testimony was heard

from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; Carol Peasley, Acting Administrator, Africa, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998: U.S. Information Agency and National Endowment for Democracy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Information Agency: Joseph D. Duffey, Director; and David Burke, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors; and Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy.

PRIVATE BILLS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims considered a private immigration bill and a private claims bill.

The Committee also met for organizational purposes.

MILITARY HOUSING REVITALIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on revitalization of military housing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Paul W. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Facilities); Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Facilities); and Jimmy G. Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations).

MILITARY COMPENSATION REFORM

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military compensation reform and recruiting/retention issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick Pang, Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy); Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief, Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

RUSSIAN MISSILE DETARGETING AND NUCLEAR DOCTRINE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Russian Missile Detargeting and Nuclear Doctrine. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; and H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham and Deutsch; Terry D. Garcia, Acting Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL LANDS—ACQUISITION OF SENSITIVE LAND

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada. Testimony was heard from Senators Reid and Bryan; Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NSF AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research continued hearings on the NSF Fiscal Year 1998 Authorization, Part II: Math, Science, and Engineering Education Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NOAA BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: D. James Baker, Administrator, NOAA, and Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmospheres; and Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General; and Joel Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

NASA AUTHORIZATION SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Fiscal Year NASA Authorization: Space Shuttle Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Steve Oswald, Deputy Associate Administrator (Space Shuttle); and Paul M. Johnstone, Chairman, Aerospace Safety Panel; and a public witness.

FAA RESEARCH-ENGINEERING- DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on FAA Research, Engineering and Development. Testimony was heard from George L. Donohue, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA, Department of Transportation; 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 Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PREVENTIVE BENEFIT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 15, Medicare Preventive Benefit Improvement Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representatives Sisisky, Nethercutt and Furse; and public witnesses.

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

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade approved for full Committee action Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the U.S. Customs Service, the International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Airborne Reconnaissance. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INCOME TAX SYSTEM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the economic problems of the in-

come tax system, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, former Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Norman B. Ture, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, Barry K. Rogstad, American Business Conference, and Lawrence Chimerine, Economic Strategy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

GPO/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review activities of the Government Printing Office, after receiving testimony from Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Wayne Kelley, Superintendent of Documents, and T.C. Evans, Product Services Manager, Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services, Superintendent of Documents, all of the Government Printing Office.

Also, committee met and elected Senator Warner as Chairman, and Representative Thomas as Vice Chairman.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight's Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the financial condition of the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Marion Barry, Charlene Drew Jarvis, Chairwoman, City Council, Andrew Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority/City Control Board, and Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer, all of the District of Columbia.

CHECHNYA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings on the future of Chechnya, receiving testimony from Tim Guldemann, Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Grozny, Chechnya.

Commission recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nominations of Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Brig. Gen. Robert Bernard Flowers, USA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico,

and Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on Pell grants and tax policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on U.S. Trade Representative, 10 a.m., and on SEC, 11 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, March 14

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will consider S.J. Res. 22, relating to the appointment of an independent counsel.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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