

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1122 to ban partial-birth abortions

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2575–S2739

Measures Introduced: Thirty bills and nine resolutions, were introduced, as follows: S. 482–511, S.J. Res. 24, S. Con. Res. 14–18, and S. Res. 66–68.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 270, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

Report on the Legislative Activities of the Committee on Foreign Relations for the 104th Congress. (S. Rept. No. 105–8)

Report to accompany S. Res. 54, authorizing biennial expenditures by the committees of the Senate, which was agreed to on February 13, 1997. (S. Rept. No. 105–9)

Report to accompany S. 104, Nuclear Waste Policy Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–10)

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Measures Passed:

Mexico Decertification: Senate passed H.J. Res. 58, requiring the President to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the United States and Mexico to achieve results in combating the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 35), Coverdell/Feinstein Amendment No. 25, in the nature of a substitute.

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Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Commending the University of Florida: Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, commending the University of

Florida football team for winning the 1996 Division I collegiate football national championship.

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Commemorating Republican/Democratic Policy Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, authorize the printing of the History Manuscript of the Republican and Democratic Policy Committees in Commemoration of their 50th Anniversaries.

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National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 68, designating April 9, 1997, and April 9, 1998, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day”.

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D.C. Inspector General Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 514, to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nuclear Waste Policy Act—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 2:30 p.m.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Appointments:

Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, in accordance with Public Law 99–498, Section 1505(a)(1)(B)(ii), appointed Senator Campbell to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports

during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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, for a term of four years.

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2002.

Theodore Francis Verheggen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2002.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Read First Time:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—35)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, March 21, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; W. Bruce Crain, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, Department of Agriculture; Robert L. Thompson, Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, Morrilton, Arkansas; Joseph D. Coffey, Southern States Coopera-

tive, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching; Charles C. Brosius, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Gregory N. Brown, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, on behalf of the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges; and William Guyton, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory/Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co., Idaho Falls.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED NATIONS

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 United Nations, receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, United States Ambassador to the United Nations; and Princeton N. Lyman, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 8.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for energy and water development programs, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their activities from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, and Kenneth E. Baker, Acting Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, both of the Department of Energy; and Harold P. Smith, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Programs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international narcotics, crime and law enforcement activities, receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

CONRAIL MERGER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings to examine the impact of the sale of Conrail to CSX Corporation and Norfolk Southern on the United States

transportation system, rail service, and employees, receiving testimony from Senator Warner; George D. Warrington, President/Northeast Corridor, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, Annapolis; Mayor Ed Rendell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Bradley L. Mallory, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Harrisburg; John J. Haley, Jr., New Jersey Department of Transportation, Trenton; John W. Snow, CSX Corporation, Richmond, Virginia; David R. Goode, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia; Tim O'Toole, Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), Washington, D.C.; Hugh Welsh, Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, New York, New York; Robert A. Scardelletti, Transportation-Communications International Union, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the Transportation Trades Department/AFL-CIO; Robert L. Evans, Occidental Chemical Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Industrial Transportation League; and Michael Hawbaker, Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., State College, Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DOE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Energy national security programs and to review environmental management activities, receiving testimony from Federico Peña, Secretary, Charles B. Curtis, Deputy Secretary, and Alvin L. Alm, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy.

Committee recessed subject to call.

COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve System's proposal to modify the restrictions imposed on bank holding companies engaged in underwriting and dealing in securities, after receiving testimony from Susan M. Phillips, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Victor A. Warnement, NationsBank Capital Markets, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; Richard B. Roberts, Wachovia Bank, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the ABA Securities Association and the American Bankers Association; and Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University School of Business, New York, New York.

OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 414, to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States imports and exports, after receiving testimony from Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; Michael M. Murphy, APL Limited, J.M. Graham, Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners' Associations, Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department/AFL-CIO, and Peter Powell, Sr., National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Christopher Koch, Sea-Land Service, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina; William P. Verdon, Crowley Maritime Corporation, Oakland, California; Donald Cameron, Bose Corporation, Framingham, Massachusetts; and Tom Kornegay, Port of Houston, Houston, Texas.

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 Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Bruce B. Ellsworth, New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, Concord, and Robert W. Gee, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, both on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Richard H. Cowart, Vermont Public Service Board, Montpelier; P. Gregory Conlon, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco; Curt Hebert, Mississippi Public Service Commission, Jackson; John M. Quain, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Harrisburg; Linda Breathitt, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfurt; and Marsha H. Smith, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Boise.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of

Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Judith M. Espinosa, of New Mexico, and D. 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.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to improve choices under the Medicare program, including S. 146, to permit Medicare beneficiaries to enroll with qualified provider-sponsored organizations under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, receiving testimony from Senator Frist; Glenn A. Pomeroy, North Dakota Department of Insurance, Bismarck, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Karen Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, Washington, D.C.; Donald T. Lewers, Easton, Maryland, on behalf of the American Medical Association; John T. Nielsen, Intermountain Health Care, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Coalition for Fairness in Medicare; and Richard K. Reiner, Florida Hospital Healthcare System, Orlando.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRADE POLICY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine the role of the Department of Commerce in United States trade policy, promotion, and regulation, and opportunities for reform and consolidation, after receiving testimony from Representatives Mica and White; Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy

Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; William H. Lash III, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia; and Ed Hudgins, CATO Institute, and Edward J. Black, Computer and Communications Industry Association, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 270, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on the role of higher education institutions in preparing teachers for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Susan Brady, University of Rhode Island, Kingston; Jill Mattuck Tarule, University of Vermont, Burlington; Charles R. Coble, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on behalf of the University-School Teacher Education Partnerships in North Carolina; and Richard Wormeli, Herndon Middle School, Herndon, Virginia.

CRS/LOC

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the operations and budget of the Congressional Research Service and the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from Daniel Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service, James H. Billington, Librarian, and Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian, both of the Library of Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 73 public bills, H.R. 1137–1142 and H.R. 1144–1210; 2 private bills, H.R. 1143 and H.R. 1211; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65–67, H. Con. Res. 51–53, and H. Res. 102–104, were introduced. Pages H1257–61

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school (H. Rept. 105–34);

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, Michigan (H. Rept. 105–35);

H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center (H. Rept. 105–36);

A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records (H. Rept. 105–37);

H.R. 757, to develop the economy of American Samoa, amended (H. Rept. 105–38);

H.R. 400, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, amended (H. Rept. 105-39);

H.R. 240, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that consideration may not be denied to preference eligibles applying for certain positions in the competitive service, amended (H. Rept. 105-40 Part I); and

H. Res. 105, providing for consideration of H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress (H. Rept. 105-41).

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

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Motion To Adjourn: Rejected the Obey motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 60.

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Partial-Birth Abortion Ban: By a recorded vote of 295 yeas to 136 noes, Roll No. 65, the House passed H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

Pages H1202-31

Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith, with amendments that include exceptions to the partial-birth abortion prohibition for a life endangering physical condition caused by the pregnancy or to avert adverse longterm physical health consequences to the mother (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 yeas to 282 noes, Roll No. 64).

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Sustained the Canady point of order against the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith, with amendments prohibiting an abortion after the fetus has become viable except when it is necessary to preserve the life of the woman or avert adverse health consequences (agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 63).

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H. Res. 100, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 247 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 62. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 61.

Pages H1192-H1202

Committee Funding: By a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 67, the House failed to agree to H. Res. 101, the rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the ex-

penses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:28 p.m. and reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1202.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call, Roll No. 66, four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1191-92, H1201, H1201-02, H1228, H1230-31, H1231, H1238-39, and H1240-41.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Department of Commerce, Science and Technology Programs and on the Department of State Administration of Foreign Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Mary L. Good, Under Secretary, Technology, and Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks; and Patrick F. Kennedy, Acting Under Secretary, Management, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture and on the Forest Service Chief. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dan Glickman, Secretary; and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Office of AIDS Research, Office of

the Director, and Building and Facilities; the National Commission on Libraries; the National Council on Disability; the Physician Payment Review Commission; and on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William E. Paul, M.D., Director, Office of Aids Research, Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, and Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D., Deputy Director, all with NIH; Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; Marca Bristo, Chairperson, National Council on Disability; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and Joseph Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps; and Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Federal Railroad Administration and on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation. Testimony was heard from Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and Thomas M. Downs, Chairman and President, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of GSA: David J. Barram, Acting Administrator, Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Building Service, and Robert J. Woods, Commissioner, Federal Telecommunications Service.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 607, Homeowners Insurance Protection Act;

The Committee also approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on International Monetary Fund. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Monetary and Financial Policy, Department of the Treasury.

ASSISTED SUICIDE FUNDING RESTRICTION ACT OF 1997

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 688, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act of 1997.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Michael Shapiro, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; MISSION MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations concluded oversight hearings on the Department of Education: Mission, Management, and Performance. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Bloom, Inspector General, Department of Education; Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; Beverly Sgdro, Secretary of Education, State of Virginia; and a public witness.

DEFENSE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Improving Defense Inventory Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James B. Emahiser, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Materiel and Distribution Management; and Jeffrey A. Jones, Executive Director, Logistics Management, Defense Logistics Agency; the following officials of the GAO: Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General; Kenneth R.

Knouse, Jr., Assistant Director; and Robert L. Repasky, Senior Evaluator; Jacques Gansler, Vice Chairman, Defense Science Board; and a public witness.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES; ADMINISTRATION'S SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Approved Committee Budget and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Administration's Security Assistance Request for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act. Testimony was heard from William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce; William Crowell, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense; Robert Litt, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

REFORMING JUVENILE JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on reforming juvenile justice in America and related legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from Barbara O'Connor, Special Counsel, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Patricia West, Secretary of Public Safety, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MILITARY RESALE SYSTEM

Committee on National Security: Morale Welfare and Recreation Panel held a hearing on military resale system. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy); Maj. Gen. Richard Beale, Jr., USA, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Maj. Gen. Doug Bunker, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Rear Adm. Paul Soderberg, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; and Michael Tharrington, Acting Director, MWR Support Activity, U.S. Marine Corps.

DOD AUTHORIZATION—INFORMATION WARFARE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on fis-

cal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request—Information Warfare. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Joan Dempsey, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Intelligence and Security); Lt. Gen. Douglas D. Buchholz, USA, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers Systems (J-6), The Joint Staff; Maj. Gen. David J. Kelley, USA, Vice Director, Defense Information Systems Agency; Lt. Gen. Otto J. Guenther, USA, Director, Information Systems, Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Headquarters, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Arther K. Cebrowski, USN, Director, Navy Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control, Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Paul K. Van Riper, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; Lt. Gen. William L. Donahue, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Communications and Information, Headquarters, Department of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. John P. Casciano, USAF, Director, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance, DSC Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; Brig. Gen. Charles R. Henderson, USAF, Director, Command and Control, DCS Air and Space Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; Brig. Gen. Robert T. Clark, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Combat Development, Training and Doctrine, Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; and Marvin Langston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Navy C41/Electronic Warfare/Space Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RULEMAKING: HARDROCK MINING OPERATIONS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management final rulemaking on bonding of hardrock mining operations: Why was there no meaningful public comment solicited? Testimony was heard from John Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness, and H.R. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and

nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Forest System, USDA: Lyle Laverty, Acting Associate Deputy Chief; and Robert Richmond, Forest Supervisor, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; and public witnesses.

CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Central Valley Project Operations and Administration Reform Process. Testimony was heard from John Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a recorded vote of 9 to 2, a closed rule on H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress, without the intervention of any point of order. The rule provides that the Committee on House Oversight amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H. Res. 102 printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for one hour of debate divided equally and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Oversight. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Thomas.

BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy, Nuclear Energy; Environment, Safety and Health; and Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (Non-Defense).

Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Terry R. Lash, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; Peter N. Brush, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health; and James M. Owendoff, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

YEAR 2000: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing on Year 2000: Implications for the Commercial Sector. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA—FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on review of Coopers and Lybrand Independent Financial Assessment of the FAA. Testimony was heard from Senator Lautenberg; Representative LoBiondo; Monte Belger, Acting Deputy Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

VETERAN'S LEGISLATION; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1090, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans' benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error; and H.R. 1092, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for Department of Veterans' Affairs property, to rename the U.S. Court of Veterans' Appeals and the National Cemetery System.

The Committee also approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

MEDICARE HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN PAYMENT POLICIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on recommendations regarding Medicare Hospital and Physician Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Joseph Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; and public witnesses.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Administration's Child Support Enforcement Incentive Payment Proposal. Testimony was heard from David Gray Ross, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Health and Human Services; Carmen Solomon-Fears, Education and Public Welfare Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Leslie Frye, Chief, Office of Child Support, Department of Social Services, State of California; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the economic outlook, focusing on the role of monetary policy, price stability, and the Consumer Price Index, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from David E. Ovesen, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Joseph H. Schwartz, Veterans of WWI, William E. Mottern, American Ex-Prisoners of War, and George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D263)

H.R. 924, to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those ac-

cused of the crime. Signed March 19, 1997. (P.L. 105-6)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 21, 1997**
Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Regulatory Efforts by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), 9:30 A.M., 2128 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold a briefing on prospects for elections, reintegration, and democratization in Croatia, 11 a.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Friday, March 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, March 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H. Res. 91, providing amounts for expenses of certain committees (closed rule, 1 hour of debate)

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