

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Daily Digest Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2803–S2864

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 518–527. Pages S2837–38

Measures Passed:

Claim Settlement: Senate passed H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S2862–63

Nuclear Waste Policy Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. Pages S2820–36

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill on Wednesday, April 9, 1997. Page S2828

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

Transmitting the annual report of the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1995; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–25). Page S2837

Transmitting the annual report of the National Endowment for Democracy for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–26). Page S2837

Transmitting the report of the Radiation Control for Health Act for 1995; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–27). Page S2837

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Calvin D. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

James Allan Hurd, Jr., of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Ruth Y. Tamura, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001. (Reappointment)

A routine list in the Foreign Service. Page S2864

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Measures Read First Time: Pages S2837, S2862

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2863.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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 Dallas R. Smith, Acting Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Bruce R. Weber, Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency, August Schumacher, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Christopher E. Goldthwait, General Sales Manager, Kenneth D. Ackerman, Acting Administrator, Risk Management Agency, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 15.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine child pornography issues, focusing on the sexual exploitation of children through the Internet and on-line services, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Wade B. Houk, Assistant Director in Charge of Finance, and Robert M. Bryant, Assistant Director,

Criminal Investigative Division, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 22.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Defense Health Program, after receiving testimony from Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Bernard Rostker, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower held hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on submarine development and procurement programs and global submarine threat, receiving testimony from Senator Chafee; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Op-

erations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; Rear Adm. Robert E. Frick, USN, Program Executive Officer for Submarines; and Rear Adm. Michael W. Cramer, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, opened for signature and signed by the United States at Paris on January 13, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 103-21), receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and Donald Rumsfeld, James Schlesinger, and Caspar Weinberger, each a former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RUSSIA-NATO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded closed hearings to examine the Russia-Nato relationship after the Helsinki Summit, after receiving testimony from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State; and Jan M. Lodal, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

AUTHORIZATION—INDIAN JUVENILE JUSTICE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 to provide assistance to Indian tribes for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, after receiving testimony from Thomas L. LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Thomas S. Begich, Washington, D.C., and Larry Blackhair, Fort Duchesne, Utah, both on behalf of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice; and Mary V. Thomas, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1225-1251; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68, and H. Con. Res. 57-58, were introduced. Pages H1338-39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

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 and the

amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (H. Rept. 105-43);

Oversight Plans for all House Committees (H. Rept. 105-44);

H. Res. 107, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105-45); and

H.R. 1003, to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide, amended (H. Rept. 105-46 Part I).

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:57 p.m., and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions—Objection to Consideration: Objection was heard to the unanimous consent request to authorize the Speaker on Wednesday, April 9 to entertain motions to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 240, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1997 and H.R. 757, the American Samoa Development Act of 1997.

Pages H1294-95

Nurse Aide Training Correction: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 968, amended, 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. Agreed to the Ways and Means Committee technical amendment.

Pages H1297-99

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

Rural Multifamily Rental Housing: H.R. 28, to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the loan guarantee program for multifamily rental housing in rural areas (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 72);

Pages H1299-H1302

Household Food Stamp Eligibility and Benefits re Prisoners: 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 and the amount of food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas, Roll No. 73);

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Iosco County, Michigan: 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; and

Pages H1303-04

J. Phil Campbell, Sr., Conservation Center: H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center.

Pages H1304-05

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Department of Transportation: Message wherein he transmits his fiscal year 1995 Annual Report for the Department of Transportation—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure;

Radiation Control: Message wherein he transmits his 1995 Annual Report on the Administration of the Radiation Control for the Health and Safety Act of 1968—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and

National Endowment for Democracy: Message wherein he transmits his fiscal year 1996 Annual

Report for the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

Pages H1305-06

Recess: The House recessed at 3:24 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1306 and H1306-07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Testimony was heard from Diane B. Frankel, Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACCESS LIFE-SAVING PRODUCTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Product Liability Reform and Consumer Access to Life-Savings Products. Testimony was heard from Representative Gekas; and public witnesses.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Miller of Florida, Moakley and Sanders; Joel Eisenberg, Senior Policy Analyst, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1057,

amended, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building"; and H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building".

ZAIRE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on "Zaire: Collapse of an African Giant?". Testimony was heard from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, Africa, Department of State; Vincent Kern, III, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures, H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code; relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.

H.J. Res 62, amended, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations.

The Committee also considered a private immigration bill and a private claims bill.

OVERSEAS QUALITY-OF-LIFE INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on overseas quality-of-life infrastructure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Brig. Gen. Hans Van Winkle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineers, U.S. Army Europe; Rear Adm. John R. Ryan, USN, Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean, Commander, Maritime Air Forces; Col. Dean Fox, USAF, Civil Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Europe; Col. David Spaulding, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineers, VIII U.S. Army Korea; Rear Adm. Albert T. Church, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff, Shore Base Management, Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet; Brig. Gen. James M. Hayes, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base Smedley D. Butler, Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Base Japan; and Col. Frank Destadio, USAF, Civil Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Pacific.

DOD REVIEW—GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICER AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the methodology and process which DOD used to complete the general officer and force officer review mandated by Congress in the 1997 Defense authorization legislation. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Frederick Pang, Assistant Secretary,

Force Management Policy; and Terrence O'Connell, Chairman, Reserve Forces Policy Board.

ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a joint hearing on the Acquisition Workforce. Testimony was heard from Louis Rodrigues, Director, Acquisition Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Noel Longuemare, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary, Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition; Darleen Druyan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Acquisition and Management; and Keith Charles, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Plans, Programs, and Policy.

LIVESTOCK GRAZING POLICIES—NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on livestock grazing policies on public domain National Forests. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUSPENSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a resolution providing that suspensions will be in order on Wednesday, April 9, 1997 and Thursday, April 10, 1997. The resolution provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

ETHICS REFORM

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Task Force on Ethics Reform met in executive session to continue discussions on Ethics Reform.

Will continue tomorrow.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH COVERAGE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Children's Access to Health Coverage. Testimony was heard from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Systems Issues, GAO; Linda T. Bilheimer, Deputy Assistant Director, Health, Health and Human Resources Division, CBO; Patrick J. Purcell, Analyst in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; Representatives Camp and Kennelly of Connecticut; Olivia A. Golden, Acting Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Jess McDonald, Director, Department of Children and Family Services, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on S. 450, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, focusing on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle programs and operations and modernization efforts, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, to hold hearings on S. 462, to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs from the Federal Government to States and localities, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kenneth M. Mead, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the investigations and responses to aviation accidents, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine Medicare payment policies for post-acute care, 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 the Multilateral Development Bank, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to continue hearings on the Chemical Weapons Convention, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Commerce in Federal statistical gathering analysis and dissemination, and proposals for reform and consolidation, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Resources, joint hearing to review forest ecosystem health conditions in the United States, 11:00 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Prisons and Related Issues, 10:00 a.m., and on Maritime Programs, 2:00 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, hearing on Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 10:00 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Coordinators for the New Independent States, 10:00 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Department of Energy, 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Consolidated Management (DOL, HHS, ED), 10:00 a.m., and on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment, 2:00 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on Intelligence Budget Overview, 10:00 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on American Battle Monuments Commission, 10:00 a.m., on Court of Veterans Appeals, 11:00 a.m., and on DOD—Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army, 12:00 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on Charter Schools, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing to review "Does U.N. Peacekeeping Serve U.S. Interests?" 10:00 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on the fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request—Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Programs, 2:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, 2:00 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on NSF Authorization Part III, 2:00 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on fiscal year 1998 Budget Authorization for Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency Research and Development, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and to mark up H.R. 363, to amend section 2118 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to extend the Electric and Magnetic Field Research and Public Information Dissemination Program, 10:00 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, to continue hearings on fiscal year 1998 NASA Authorization: International Space Station, 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, Task Force on Ethics Reform, to continue discussions on Ethics Reform, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following: H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Review Commission; and the Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to mark up H.R. 1048, Welfare Reform Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 4:00 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on the Budget, Part 1: HUMINT, 10 a.m., and, executive, Budget Hearing Part 2: Covert Action, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of six Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 104, Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 a.m., Wednesday, April 9

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H. Res. 107, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and consideration of 2 Suspensions (subject to the rule being granted):

1. H.R. 240, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1997; and
2. H.R. 757, the American Samoa Development Act of 1997.

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