

Wednesday, April 9, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2865–S2950

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 528–544, S. Res 69, and S. Con. Res. 19. **Pages S2900–01**

Nuclear Waste Policy Act: Senate began consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, agreeing to committee amendments, and taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2881–S2900**

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2893–S2900**

Thurmond/Hollings Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that the Savannah River Site and Barnwell County, South Carolina shall not be available for construction for an interim storage facility. **Pages S2893–S2900**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 26, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Friday, April 11, 1997. **Pages S2899–S2900**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, April 10, 1997.

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

Transmitting the biennial report on science and technology policy; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–28). **Page S2900**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2950.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY/MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces 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 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle programs, operations and modernization efforts, receiving testimony from Gen. William W. Hartzog, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Col. Thomas R. Goedkoop, USA, Commander, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; Col. Guy C. Swan, USA, Commander, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Charles Heber, Director, High Altitude/Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (HAE UAV), Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; and Rear Adm. Barton D. Strong, USN, Program Executive Officer, Cruise Missiles and UAVs, Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

PUBLIC HOUSING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Cushing N. Dolbeare, National Low Income Housing Coalition, David B. Bryson, National Housing Law Project, and Deepak Bhargava, Center for Community Change, all of Washington, D.C.; Ricardo Diaz, Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Thomas R. Shuler, Insignia Residential Group, Greenville, South Carolina, on behalf of the National Multi Housing Council and National Apartment Association; David C. Morton, Housing Authority of the City of Reno, Nevada, on behalf of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association; Billy Easton, New York State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition, Albany; and Deborah L. Vincent, Clearwater Housing Authority, Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Kenneth M. Mead, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the accident investigation process for major domestic aviation accidents and safety responses, receiving testimony from James E. Hall, Chairman, Bernard Loeb, Director, Division of Aviation Safety, and Dan Campbell, General Counsel, all of the National Transportation Safety Board; Guy S. Gardner, Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification, and Dave Thomas, Director, Office of Accident Investigation, both of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and Dale Watson, Section Chief, International Terrorism Operations Section, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine Medicare fee-for-service system policies, focusing on the growth in Medicare spending on post-acute care services and options to constrain that growth, and related Administrative proposals, receiving testimony from Joseph R. Antos, Assistant Director for Health and Human Resources, Congressional Budget Office; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Margaret J. Cushman, VNA Health Care, Inc., Hartford-Waterbury, Connecticut, on behalf of the National Association for Home Care; Thomas A. Scully, Federation of American Health Systems, Washington, D.C.; and Michael R. Walker, Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Health Care Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the ratification of 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), after receiving testimony from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; Fred C. Ikle, former Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Douglas J. Feith, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Negotiation Policy; Gen. Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Policy Advisor; Adm. E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.), Member, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and former Chief of Naval Operations; and Edward L. Rowney, former Ambassador and Lt. General USA (Ret.) International Negotiation Consultant and former Chief Negotiator for START I and Special Arms Control Advisor.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FUNDING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the International Financial Institutions, including the Multilateral Development Bank and the International Monetary Fund, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia held hearings to examine the role of the Department of Commerce in Federal statistical gathering, analysis and dissemination, and opportunities for reform and consolidation, receiving testimony from Senator Moynihan; Representative Horn; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Janet L. Norwood, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; Vin-

cent P. Barabba, General Motors Corporation, Capitola, California; Maurine A. Haver, Haver Analytics, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Business Economists; and Leonard I. Nakamura, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 1252–1267; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 59, and H. Res. 108–109, were introduced. Page H1391

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

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 United States Court of Veterans Appeals and the National Cemetery System (H. Rept. 105–47).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Spencer of Dothan, Alabama.

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Motions to Suspend the Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 107, the rule providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, April 9, 1997 or on Thursday, April 10, 1997. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeand-nay vote of 213 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 74.

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Suspension—Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1997: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 240, amended, 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.

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Presidential Message—Science and Technology: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his biennial report on science and technology—referred to the Committee on Science. Pages H1366–67

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1343.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeand-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H1358–59. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings**FOREST ECOSYSTEM HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Resources: Held a joint hearing to review forest ecosystem health conditions in the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Taylor of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Prisons and Related Issues, and on Maritime Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kathleen M. Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, U.S. Marshall Service; and Judge Richard P. Conaboy, Chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Albert J. Herberger, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, and Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.