

Thursday, April 17, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3303–S3387

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 601–620, S. Res. 75, and S. Con. Res. 22. **Pages S3348–49**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 506, to clarify certain copyright provisions.
S. 568, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states. **Page S3348**

Measures Passed:

Chemical and Biological Weapons Threat Reduction Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 495, to provide criminal and civil penalties for the unlawful acquisition, transfer, or use of any chemical weapon or biological weapon, and to reduce the threat of acts of terrorism or armed aggression involving the use of any such weapon against the United States, its citizens, or Armed Forces, or those of any allied country and, by 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 45), the bill, as modified, was then passed. **Pages S3327–43**

Chemical Weapons Convention—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration 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), on Wednesday, April 23, 1997. **Pages S3324–27**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Friday, April 18, 1997, and Monday, April 21, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. **Page S3387**

Appointments:

Arms Control Observer Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by S. Res. 280, adopted October 8, 1994, announced the following appointments and designations to the Senate Arms

Control Observer Group: Senator Stevens, as Majority Administrative Co-Chairman, Senators Thurmond and Lugar, as Co-Chairmen for the Majority, and Senators Chafee, Cochran, Helms, Kyl, Lott, Nickles, Smith, Snowe, and Warner. **Page S3386**

Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–201, appointed the following individuals as members of the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise: Henry G. Chiles, Jr., of Virginia, and Robert A. Hoover, of Idaho.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Susan R. Baron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships for the term expiring October 27, 1997.

Charles A. Gueli, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 1999.

Johnny H. Hayes, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2005.

Jeffrey A. Frankel, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. **Page S3387**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—45) **Page S3343**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, April 21, 1997, for a pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CROP INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Crop and Revenue Insurance program of the Department of Agriculture, focusing on the adequacy of the administrative expense reimbursement paid by the Department of Agriculture's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to participating insurance companies for selling and servicing crop insurance and the comparative cost to the government of delivering catastrophic crop insurance through the Department of Agriculture and the private sector, and to discuss alternative means to reimburse companies' administrative expenses for delivering crop insurance, after receiving testimony Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Kenneth D. Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture; John Joyce, National Crop Insurance Services, West Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the American Association of Crop Insurers; Richard C. Gibson, American Agrisure, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Robert E. Fulwider, West Liberty, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America; Alan S. Walter, Agricultural Risk Management North America, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas; Frank Beurskens, Frank Beurskens Consulting, Inc., Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; and David Lehman, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois.

APPROPRIATIONS—SUPREME COURT/JUDICIARY

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 Supreme Court of the United States and the Judiciary, receiving testimony from Anthony M. Kennedy, and David H. Souter, each an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; and John G. Heyburn II, United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 24.

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 Korea, Burma, and Hong Kong,

receiving testimony from Charles Cartman, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 6.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Forest Service, receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for law enforcement programs of the Department of the Treasury, receiving testimony from Raymond W. Kelly, Under Secretary for Enforcement, George Weise, Commissioner, United States Customs Service, John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Charles F. Rinkevich, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Stanley E. Morris, Director, Office of Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Eljay B. Bowron, Director, United States Secret Service, and Valerie Lau, Inspector General, all of the Department of the Treasury.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness resumed 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 the status of operational readiness of United States military forces, receiving testimony from Gen. Ronald H. Griffith, USA, Vice Chief of the Army; Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, USAF, Vice Chief of the Air Force; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Schwartz, USA, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood; Vice Adm. Herbert A. Browne, Jr., USN, Commanding Admiral, III Fleet; Lt. Gen. Carl E. Franklin, USAF, Commanding General, 9th Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.