

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3391–S3466

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 621–630 and S. Res. 76 and 77. Page S3419

Measures Reported: Special Report on the Activities of the Committee on Environment and Public Works for the One Hundred Fourth Congress. (S. Rept. No. 13) Pages S3418–19

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 77, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel. Page S3466

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Received on Friday, April 18, during the adjournment:

George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence. Page S3466

Received today:

Elizabeth Anne Moler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. Page S3466

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination: Received on Friday, April 18, 1997, during the adjournment:

Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence. Page S3466

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 3:53 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3466.)

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 Catherine E. Woteki, Acting Under Secretary, and Floyd P. Horn, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, both for Research, Education and Economics, Edward Knipling, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Robert H. Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Kelli White, Associate Administrator, Economic Research Service, Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 1.

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, focusing on the Environmental Management Program of the Department of Energy, receiving testimony from Alvin L. Alm, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—NSF/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Neal F. Lane, Director, National Science Foundation; and John H. Gibbons, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 1.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower 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 Department of the Navy shipbuilding development and procurement programs, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; and John Birkler, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Friday, April 18, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AIRLINE ANTITRUST IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine antitrust implications of the proposed British Airways-American Airlines Alliance, focusing on the impact this alliance will have on the availability and affordability of international air travel, the long-term viability of the U.S. airline industry, the preservation of competition in the London market, and the security of the American consumer, after receiving testimony from Barry P. Simon, Continental Airlines, Inc., Mark N. Cooper,

Consumer Federation of America, and D. Scott Yohe, Delta Air Lines, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic Airlines, London, England; David A. Schwarte, American Airlines, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; Cyril Murphy, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; and Lawrence M. Nagin, US Airways, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: On Friday, April 18, committee concluded hearings on proposals to improve the health status of children, including S. 435 and S. 525, focusing on pediatric care, public health, mental health, and substance abuse issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch and Specter; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Vermont Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier; Mohammad N. Akhter, American Public Health Association, and Mary Jane England, Washington Business Group on Health, both of Washington, D.C.; Antoinette Parisi Eaton, Children's Hospital, Inc., Columbus, Ohio; Judith S. Palfrey, Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; and James E. Copple, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, Alexandria, Virginia.

AUTHORIZATION—NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 459, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1997 through 2000 for programs administered by the Administration for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Gary Niles Kimble, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services; A. David Lester, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Denver, Colorado; and Wallace Coffey, Comanche Indian Tribe, Lawton, Oklahoma.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Wednesday, April 23.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on an additional funding request for fiscal year 1997 by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and