

Wednesday, April 23, 1997

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3467–S3566*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 631–640 and S.J. Res. 26 and 27. Page S3550

**Chemical Weapons Convention:** Pursuant to the order of Thursday, April, 17, 1997, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further 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), and the Senate began consideration thereon as having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification. Pages S3468–S3545

Also, pursuant to the order of Thursday, April 17, 1997, the Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 75, to advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, subject to certain conditions, and the Senate began consideration of the resolution as a substitute for the resolution of ratification. Page S3468, S3486

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate took the following actions:

Agreed to a motion to reconsider the vote by which S. Res. 75, listed above, was rejected by voice vote. Page S3486

Agreed to conditions, declarations, statements and understandings, with 5 exceptions, as follows:

(1) Conditions the depositing of the instrument of ratification on the President's certification to Congress of Russia's elimination of chemical weapons.

(2) To require that before depositing the instrument of ratification, the President certified to Congress that countries which have been determined to have offensive chemical weapons programs have ratified or otherwise acceded to the Convention.

(3) To require the President to exercise the right to bar certain inspectors.

(4) To require the President to certify to Congress that the State Parties have made an agreement to

amend the Convention to stem the proliferation of chemical weapons.

(5) To require the President to certify to congress that compliance with the Convention is effectively verifiable. Pages S3486–92

Senate will continue consideration of the Treaty on Thursday, April 24, 1997, in open and closed session.

**Communications:** Pages S3548–50

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 24, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3566.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia held hearings to examine an additional funding request for fiscal year 1997 by the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority for capital improvements to District of Columbia public schools and for public safety agencies, receiving testimony from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; Gen. Julius W. Becton, Jr., (USA, Ret.), Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent, and Gen. Charles Williams (USA, Ret.), Chief Operations Officer, both of the District of Columbia Public Schools; Larry D. Soulsby, Police Chief, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department; Eugene N. Hamilton, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and Margaret A. Moore, Director, District of Columbia Department of Corrections.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

## NATO ENLARGEMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Administration's proposal to enlarge the membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kerri Ann Jones, of Maryland, and Jerry M. Melillo, of Massachusetts, each to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Testimony was also received on the nominations from John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

## U.S. MANUFACTURING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the current state of manufacturing in the United States and prospects for the future, after receiving testimony from Jerry J. Jasinowski, National Association of Manufacturers, Charles W. McMillion, MBG Information Services, Andrew H. Card, Jr., American Automobile Manufacturers Association, William T. Archey, American Electronics Association, James F. Collins, Steel Manufacturers Association, and Edward M. Bolen, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Kenneth McLennan, Manufacturers Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; and Russell R. Coyner, BIFMA International, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL TRUST FUND

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on S. 436, to establish a new Intercity Passenger Rail Trust Fund to be made available for financing certain capital expenditures of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), and for certain other transportation expenses by States in which Amtrak does not provide service, receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Thomas M. Downs, Chairman, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Brent Blackwelder, Friends of the Earth, and Ross B. Capon, National Association of Railroad Passengers, both of Washington,

D.C.; Sonny Hall, Transport Workers Union of America, New York, New York, on behalf of the Transportation Trades Rail Labor Division (AFL-CIO); William Lochte, Bombardier Transit Corporation, Bensalem, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Passenger Rail Coalition; and Doras Briggs, Kensington, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## BIENNIAL BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 261, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Louis Fisher, Senior Specialist in Separation of Powers, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Charles J. Whalen, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## GANG VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings to examine the scope of the interstate spread of gang violence, and S. 54, to strengthen the coordinated, cooperative response of federal, state, and local law enforcement needed to combat gang violence, receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Steven R. Wiley, Chief, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; James Mulvihill, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California; A. James Walton, Jr., Vermont Department of Public Safety, Waterbury; Aaron D. Kennard, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, and Colleen Minson, both of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORIZATION: CAMPUS BASED FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on certain campus based financial aid programs which provide federal funds to participating institutions who then administer the programs rather than the Federal Government, and the State Student Incentive Grant, after receiving testimony from Judith N. Flink, University of Illinois, Chicago, on behalf of the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations; Scott B. Freedman, New Jersey State Office of Student Assistance, Trenton, on behalf of

the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs; Charles Puls, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, on behalf of the National Student Employment Association; and Jane C. Sangeloty, University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 30.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 1406–1427; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 65 and H. Res. 124, were introduced. Pages H1793–94

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on April 22, 1997, H.R. 1278, to authorize appropriations for the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, amended (H. Rept. 105–66 Part I);

Filed on April 22, 1997, H.R. 1277, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 1999 for the civilian research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities of the Department of Energy (H. Rept. 105–67 Part I);

H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada, amended (H. Rept. 105–68);

H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, amended (H. Rept. 105–69);

H. Res. 125 providing for consideration of H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000 (H. Rept. 105–70);

H. Res. 126 providing for consideration of H.R. 1273, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation (H. Rept. 105–71);

H. Res. 127 providing for consideration of H.R. 1274, to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–72); and

H. Res. 128 providing for consideration of H.R. 1275, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Res. 105–73). Page H1793

**Suspension of the Rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 117, the rule providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Page H1719

**Order of Business:** Pursuant to H. Res. 117, Representative Hastings of Washington announced the following measures to be considered under suspension of the rules: H. Con. Res. 8, H.R. 39, H.R. 449, H.R. 688, and H.R. 1272. Page H1719

**21st Century Patent System Improvement:** The House passed H.R. 400, to amend title 35, United States Code with respect to patents. Pages H1719–42

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as modified and amended. Page H1742

Agreed to:

The Kaptur amendment that exempts small business, independent investors, and universities from publication of patent application information until the patent is granted. Specifies that patent information can be published before the patent is granted if the data has been made public in foreign countries, the application has been filed with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) for five years or longer and the PTO determines that the public interest would be served by publication, or the inventor deliberately delays publication of the patent (agreed to by recorded vote of 220 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 88); Pages H1731–37, H1740–41

Rejected:

The Campbell amendment that sought to limit the defense to patent infringement based on prior domestic use, to the actual quantity, volume, or scope of the prior use (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 86); Pages H1719–23, H1739–40

The Campbell amendment that sought to limit the publication of all patent applications until there have been two Substantive Patent Office actions since the filing and defined Substantive Patent Office action (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 87); and Pages H1723–31, H1740

The Hunter amendment that sought to require that all patent examination and search duties shall

be performed within the United States by U.S. citizens who are employees of the U.S. Government; require patent examiners to spend five percent of their duty time per annum in examiner training, establishes an incentive program to retain examiners, and exempts PTO from administrative or statutory limits on full-time employee positions or personnel (rejected by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 89).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending H.R. 400.

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H. Res. 116, the rule that provided for the consideration of the bill was agreed to on April 17.

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

**Coral Reef Ecosystems:** H. Con. Res. 8, amended, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems. Agreed to amend the title;

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**African Elephant Conservation:** H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act;

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**Southern Nevada Public Land:** H.R. 449, amended, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada;

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**Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund:** H.R. 688, amended, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act; and

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**Fire Administration Authorization:** H.R. 1272, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration;

Pages H1753-57

**Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of February 12, 1997 be extended through May 7, 1997 with the following modification: After "Minority Leader": insert ", or a member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX,"

The order of the House on February 12, in furtherance of the understanding concerning the estab-

lishment of the ethics task force, made in order during the period beginning immediately and ending on April 11, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after April 11, 1997.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1795-96.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1717.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1739-40, H1740, H1740-41, and H1741-42. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AIR QUALITY ISSUES RELATING TO AGRICULTURE

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on air quality issues relating to the agricultural industry. Testimony was heard from Paul Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

### HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered Reported Amended H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG USER FEE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act and FDA Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner; William Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, Policy; and Robert Byrd, Deputy Commissioner, Management and Systems; and public witnesses.

### COLLEGE EDUCATION—RISING COST

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on the Rising Price of a College Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CENSUS 2000

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Census 2000: How Should the Federal Government Measure Race and Ethnicity". Testimony was heard from Representatives Meek of Florida, Petri and Sawyer; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Martha Farnsworth Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Norma Cantu, Assistant Secretary, Civil Rights, Department of Education; Edward Sondik, Director, National Center for Health Statistics, Department of Health and Human Services; and Bernard Ungar, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO.

### PARTICULAR MATTER AND OZONE—EPA'S PROPOSED STANDARDS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, National Resources, and Regulatory Affairs concluded hearings on "EPA's Particulate Matter and Ozone Rule-making: Is EPA Above the Law". Testimony was heard from Carol Browner, Administrator, EPA; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; and Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA.

### CAMBODIA—TERRORIST GRENADE ATTACK; SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the March 30, 1997, terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Sino-American Relations and U.S. Policy Options. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Winston Lord, former Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### VOLUNTARY LIABILITY MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 and H.R. 1167, Volunteer Protection Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senators Coverdell, McConnell Ashcroft and Santorum; Speaker Gingrich and Representative Porter; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—BORDER SECURITY AND DETERRING ILLEGAL ENTRY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on regarding border security and deterring illegal entry into the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Reyes; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Alan Bersin, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of California; and George Regan, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Samuel H. Banks, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Custom Service, Department of the Treasury; Jonathan M. Winer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics Matters and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Richard Gallo, Senior Special Agent, USDA; and public witnesses.

### FAA RESEARCH, ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997. The rule waives section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction unless the Budget Committee reports it) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on Science amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, with each section considered as read. Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is waived against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule

authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed the amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Morella and Brown of California.

#### **NSF AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Science amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, with each title considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in the recognition to members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Morella and Brown of California.

#### **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1997. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports). The rule makes in order the Committee on Science amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, with each section considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Morella and Brown of California.

#### **CIVILIAN SPACE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1275, Civilian Space Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports). The rule makes in order the Committee on Science amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes. The rule further provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered by title, with each title being considered as read. The

rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Morella and Brown of California.

#### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology concluded hearings on Surface Transportation Research and Development, Research Needs for the Next Century. Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS FAMILIES TAX BURDEN**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on Tax Burden on Small Business Families. Testimony was heard from Senator Bond; and public witnesses.

#### **CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Meeting Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs. Testimony was heard from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, EPA; Robert McManus, Mayor, Lynn, Massachusetts; Bruce Tobey, Mayor, Gloucester, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

#### **ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT; WELFARE REFORM TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997, and H.R. 1048, Welfare Reform Technical Corrections Act of 1997.

#### **LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the low-income housing tax credit. Testimony was heard from James K. White, Associate Director, Tax Policy and Administration, GAO; Thomas Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Examination, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and a public witness.

Hearings continue May 1.

#### **DEA BRIEFING REGARDING MEXICO**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on DEA regarding Mexico. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
APRIL 24, 1997**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Endowment for the Arts/National Endowment for the Humanities, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, closed business meeting, to mark up S. 7, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, 2 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and truck safety, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on ozone and particulate matter standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy toward Hong Kong, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to resume hearings to examine proposals to reorganize the Department of Commerce, focusing on opportunities for management reforms at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 12:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, to hold oversight hearings on Federal vocational education assistance, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*, to hold hearings to discuss revisions to Title 44, relating to the operations of the Government Printing Office, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business*, to hold hearings to review the success and failure of the Small Business Administration's existing non-credit and business development programs, and the future direction of such programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

**Notice**

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E733-34 in today's Record.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing on the effectiveness of Agricultural Export Programs, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, to consider Supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on Members of Congress, 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Congressional and public witnesses, 12 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Reauthorization of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to mark up H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Federal Hiring from the Welfare Rolls, 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, to continue hearings on Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Syndrome, Part II, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Postal Service, oversight hearing of the U.S. Postal Service, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to consider pending business, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Angola's Government of National Unity; followed by a briefing on the same subject, 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to markup H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the future of hydrography, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forests Health, to mark up H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on fiscal year 1998 budget request for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the Importance of Patent Term and Patent Application Disclosure Issues to Small Businesses: What Impact Will Proposed Changes in the Patent Laws Have on Small Businesses? 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the Shortfall in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare Provider-Sponsored Organizations, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Unemployment Insurance Issues, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, oversight hearing on the Disability Appeals Process, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*, to hold hearings to examine the process of NATO enlargement and the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) commitments, including human rights, in evaluating prospective members for inclusion in the Alliance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, April 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Thursday, April 24

#### Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue consideration of the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21).

*(Senate will meet in closed session in the Old Senate Chamber to hear confidential debate regarding the Chemical Weapons Convention from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.)*

#### House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 1274, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 1273, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration H.R. 1275, Civilian Space Authorization Act for FY 1998 and 1999 (open rule, 1 hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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