

Monday, April 28, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3741-61

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 660 and 661 and S. Res. 79. Page S3750

Measures Reported:

Special report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity of the Committee on Rules and Administration During the 104th Congress". (S. Rept. No. 105-14). Page S3750

Volunteer Protection Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

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A second motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the second cloture motion could occur on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. Page S3748

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Tuesday, April 29, 1997, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

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

Transmitting, a report relative to the Chemical Weapons Convention; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-30). Pages S3748-49

Transmitting, a report relative to the Chemical Weapons Convention; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-31). Pages S3749-50

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Armstrong, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 5:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 29, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3759.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 1463-1467, were introduced. Page H1908

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on April 25, H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public

housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, amended (H. Rept. 105-76);

H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, amended (H. Rept. 105-77);

H.R. 1048, to make technical amendments relating to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, amended (H. Rept. 105-78 Part I); and

H. Res. 129, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 105-79). **Page H1908**

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

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Presidential Message—Chemical Weapons Convention: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his certification concerning the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction ratified by the Senate on April 24, 1997. The message was received by the Clerk on Friday, April 25—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-77). **Pages H1895-96**

Referral: S. 562, to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage, was referred to the Committee on Banking and Finance. **Page H1906**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today and on Friday, April 25 appear on page H1895.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AIRBAGS, CAR SEATS, AND CHILD SAFETY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Air Bags, Car Seats, and Child Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation: Ricardo Martinez, Administrator; Phil Recht, Deputy Administrator; James Hedlund, Associate Administrator, Traffic Safety Programs; Ralph Hitchcock, Acting Associate Administrator, Research and Development; and Robert Shelton, Associate Administrator, Safety Performance Standards; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D338)

H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center. Signed April 24, 1997. (P.L. 105-10)

H.R. 1225, to make a technical correction to title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states. Signed April 25, 1997. (P.L. 105-11)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense, natural disaster relief and other emergency assistance, and other non-emergency assistance, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 621, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and transfer residual regulatory authority from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State public service commissions, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine automobile airbag safety issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings to review a GAO evaluation of the development of the Draft Tongass Land Management Plan, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to resume hearings to examine ozone and particulate matter standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) Revision of the Fink Agreement (Treaty Doc. 105-5), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on the nomination of Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 459, to authorize funds for and extend the Native American Programs Act of 1974; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the implementation of the San Carlos Water Rights Settlement Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-575), 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings on improving chronic health care in Medicare and Medicaid, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E763–64 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on the Administration's National Testing Proposal, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on D.C. Retirement System: Coping with Unfunded Liabilities; and to mark-up H. Con. Res. 13, expressing the sense of Congress that Federal retirement cost-of-living adjustments should not be delayed, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "Promotion Outreach Efforts for Census 2000", 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Health, Ecology, and Management, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and to consider the following bills: H.R. 413, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Washington State without full public participation and an express Act of Congress; H.R. 596, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument without express consent of Congress; H.R. 597, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full participation and an express Act of Congress; and H.R. 1127, to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997; and H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Wetlands—recent regulatory and judicial developments, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Coordinated Care Options for Seniors, 9:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Expanding U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, Volunteer Protection Act, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 5 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1048, Welfare Reform Technical Corrections Act of 1997;
 2. H.R. 1342, Regarding Expiring Conservation Reserve Program Contracts;
 3. H.R. 279, Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Francis Sinatra;
 4. H.R. 680, Authorizing the Transfer to States of Surplus Personal Property for Donations to Nonprofit Providers of Necessaries to Impoverished Families and Individuals; and
 5. H.R. 363, Extending the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research Program; and
- Consideration of H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 (Open Rule, One Hour General Debate)

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