

Thursday, May 15, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 1469, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1997.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4507-S4623

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 745-756, and S. Res. 86. Page S4588

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds. (S. Rept. No. 105-18) Page S4588

Measures Passed:

Boys and Girls Clubs of America Facilities: Senate passed S. 476, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000. Pages S4576-79

Family Friendly Workplace Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 4, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and need of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, with a modified committee amendment. Pages S4508-15

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 68), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. Page S4514

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United

States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 69), Feinstein Amendment No. 288, in the nature of a substitute.

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By 36 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 70), Daschle Amendment No. 289, in the nature of a substitute.

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Appointments:

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, appointed Senators Hatch, Shelby, and McCain as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group meeting to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 16-18, 1997. Page S4620

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

Transmitting, a report relative to the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Flank Document; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-35).

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Transmitting, a report relative to the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Flank Document; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-36).

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Transmitting the report on the national security strategy of the United States; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-37). Page S4588

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Rodney W. Sippel, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S4622–23**

Messages From the President: **Pages S4586–88**

Messages From the House: **Page S4588**

Measures Referred: **Page S4588**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S4588–S4606**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S4611**

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Notices of Hearings: **Pages S4615–16**

Authority for Committees: **Page S4616**

Additional Statements: **Pages S4616–20**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–70) **Pages S4514, S4537, S4575**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 9:23 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 16, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4620.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance, focusing on programs to combat infectious diseases, receiving testimony from Nils Daulaire, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Global Program, Agency for International Development; Barry Bloom, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, New York; David Heymann, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; John Sbarbaro, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver; and Gordon Douglas, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 20.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS PROPERTY RESTITUTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States and allied efforts to recover and restore gold and other assets belonging to victims of the Holocaust taken by Nazi Germany during World War II, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International

Trade; William Z. Slany, Historian, Department of State; Thomas G. Borer, Chief of the Swiss Foreign Ministry Task Force, Bern; Carl Henrik Sihver Liljegren, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States; Israel Singer, General Secretary of the World Jewish Congress, New York, New York; Rabbi Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, California; Tom Bower, British Broadcasting Corporation, London, England; and Rabbi Chaim Stauber, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of the World Council of Orthodox Communities.

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to begin markup of an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

FCC SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 255, to provide for the reallocation and auction of a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to enhance law enforcement and public safety telecommunications, after receiving testimony from Representative Weldon; Bruce A. Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; Howard Safir, New York Police Department, New York, New York; Mark Schwartz, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Ralph A. Haller, Fox Ridge Communications, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Dale Hatfield, Hatfield Associates, Inc., Boulder, Colorado; Charles L. Jackson, Strategic Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the National Weather Service (NWS), focusing on the NWS's proposed staff reductions for fiscal year 1997 and related project cuts for fiscal year 1998, after receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Sarbanes; D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, and Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mayor James N. Mathias, Jr., Ocean City, Maryland; Richard E. Hallgren, American Meteorological Society, Washington, D.C.; William A. Wagner, Jr., Monroe County Emergency Management, Marathon, Florida; Ronald D. McPherson, Crofton, Maryland; and X. William Proenza, Colleyville, Texas;

AGRICULTURE EXPORTS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings to examine how to open new markets for United States products and what can be done to break down non-tariff trade barriers that may be detrimental to U.S. agricultural exports, receiving testimony from Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Paul Drazek, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Trade; Leonard W. Condon, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; Linda J. Fisher, Monsanto Company, Washington, D.C.; John D. Hardin, Jr., Danville, Indiana, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Carl Peterson, Delanson, New York, on behalf of Agri-Mark, Incorporated; and Jack Laurie, Michigan Farm Bureau, Lansing, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States counterterrorism policy towards Sudan, after receiving testimony from Representative McCollum; George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Kenneth R. McKune, Associate Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism, both of the Department of State; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Charles Maikish, Columbia University, New York, New York; Ed Smith, Hamilton Hallmark, Woodland Hills, California; and Roger Winter, U.S. Committee for Refugees, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION ACT: STUDENT AID

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, focusing on the management structure of the office of Postsecondary Education for the financial aid delivery system, receiving testimony from David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education; Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Robert E. Alexander, University of South Carolina, Aiken, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Judith N. Flink, University of Illinois, Chi-

cago, on behalf of the Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations; Barmak Nassirian, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Washington, D.C.; and Barbara E. Tornow, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

SBA FINANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Committee resumed oversight hearings on the management of Small Business Administration finance programs, focusing on the 7(a) General Business Loan Guaranty Program, the Section 504 Development Company Loan Program, the Small Business Investment Company Program, the Microloan Program, the Disaster Loan Program, and the Surety Bond Guaranty Program, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration; and Deryl K. Schuster, Business Loan Center, Wichita, Kansas, and Anthony R. Wilkinson, Stillwater, Oklahoma, both on behalf of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

VA SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain allegations of sexual harassment within the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on VA policies and practices regarding sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination in the workplace, after receiving testimony from Senator Faircloth; Hershel W. Gober, Deputy Secretary, and William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Ronnie Blumenthal, Director, and Ellen Vargyas, Legal Counsel, both of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Cynthia A. Force, Susan M. Caruana, and Doris Moore-Russell, all of the VA Medical Center, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Mary Cavanaugh, VA Medical Center, Lyons, New Jersey; Cathy Claycomb, National Association of Government Employees, Alexandria, Virginia; and Kitty Peddicord, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), Washington, D.C.

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 Tuesday, May 20.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1619–1648; 1 private bill, H.R. 1649; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 80–82 and H. Res. 151, were introduced.

Pages H2783–84

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H. Res. 150, providing for consideration of H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States (H. Rept. 105–98).

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

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Journal Vote: By a yea-and-nay vote of 334 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 128, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, May 14.

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Presidential Messages:

Flank Document Agreement—CFE Treaty: Read a letter from the President, received by the Clerk on May 14, wherein he transmits his report concerning the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (the CFE Flank Document) adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, May 14—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–83); and

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National Security Strategy: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmits his report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 136, the House passed H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

Pages H2697–H2775

Agreed To:

The Obey amendment that provides an additional \$38 million for the Special Supplemental Food Program for the Women, Infants, and Children program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 338 yeas to 89 noes, Roll No. 131);

Pages H2715–22

The McKeon amendment that authorizes a commission on the cost of higher education and provides \$650,000 in funding for this purpose;

Pages H2722–25

The Dingell amendment that provides \$300,000 in funding for costs incurred by Monroe County, Michigan, for the Conair air crash;

Pages H2725–26

The Thune amendment that provides \$500 million in Community Development Block Grant funding for disaster relief to communities affected by the flooding in the upper midwest and other disasters in fiscal year 1997;

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The Traficant amendment that requires compliance with the provisions of the Buy America Act and prohibits contracts with persons falsely labeling products as made in America;

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The Gekas amendment that automatically provides a continuation of FY 1997 spending through the end of FY 1998 in the absence of regular appropriations or a continuing resolution at 100 percent of FY 1997 spending levels (approved by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 134);

Pages H2732–38, H2761–62

The Diaz-Balart amendment that postpones the termination of Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid payments to legal immigrants and rescinds \$240 million from the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program to offset the cost (agreed to by a recorded vote of 345 yeas to 74 noes, Roll No. 133);

Pages H2738–43, H2760–61

The Kolbe amendment that extends the San Carlos Apache Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992 to March 31, 1999;

Pages H2750–52, H2753–55

The Barcia amendment that authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the City of Bay City, Michigan, for environmental remediation and rehabilitation of publicly owned real property included in the boundaries of the Center for Ecology Research and Training;

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The Barr amendment that provides \$2 million for the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement;

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The Vento amendment that provides regulatory relief and expedited funds availability to depository institutions to expedite the assistance to areas affected by the 1997 flooding of the Red River of the North, the Minnesota River, and their tributaries;

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The Hoyer amendment that authorizes a leave transfer program for federal employees to donate annual leave to other federal employees affected by disasters or emergencies; and

Pages H2770–71

The Barr amendment that prohibits the use of funds for studies of medical use of marijuana.

Pages H2773–74

Rejected:

The Neumann amendment that sought to strike \$2.3 billion in forward funding for FEMA, eliminates the recapture to HUD of \$3.8 billion rescission, and rescinds \$3.6 billion of discretionary appropriations and requires the President to allocate the rescission with 30 days of enactment (rejected by a recorded vote of 100 ayes to 324 noes, Roll No. 132); and

Pages H2729–32

The Neumann amendment that sought to reduce forward funding for FEMA Disaster Relief by \$1.7 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No. 135).

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Points of Order Sustained Against:

Conservation Reserve Program language that reduces the acres of land in the Conservation Reserve Program from 19,000,000 acres to 14,000,000;

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The Goodling amendment that sought to prohibit the expenditure of any funding by the Department of Education for any national testing program in reading or mathematics;

Pages H2744–45

The Section 303 language that expands the emergency provisions of the Endangered Species Act;

Pages H2748–49

The Maloney of New York amendment that sought to provide additional funding of \$1.7 million for the Federal Election Commission;

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The language concerning the construction of a garage at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Cleveland, Ohio;

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration;

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for the Federal Transit Administration; and

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The language concerning the rescission of contract authorization for Highway Trust Fund Discretionary Grants.

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Withdrawn:

The Fazio amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$1 million in disaster relief funding to assist the purchase of farm labor housing;

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The Sanders amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$10 million in funding to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences for emergency research and treatment of Gulf War Syndrome;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide an additional \$2 million for the National In-

stitute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and reduce FEMA Disaster Relief funding accordingly;

Pages H2758–59

The Sam Johnson of Texas amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to authorize the approval of State plans to integrate enrollment services for federally funded public health and human services programs; and

Pages H2771–73

The Barr amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit any funds appropriated by this or any other act to be used for any study on the medicinal use of marijuana.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Earlier, during the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, the call of the Committee was vacated when a quorum was constituted.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 149, providing for consideration of the bill, by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 130. Pursuant to the rule, an amendment striking an additional amount for the Federal Election Commission was considered as adopted. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 129.

Pages H2687–96

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group:

The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gilman, Vice Chairman, and Representatives Dreier, Barton of Texas, Campbell, Manzullo, Gejdenson, Lantos, Filner, Reyes, and Delegate Underwood to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group.

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Referrals: S. 670 to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2785–94.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2684.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2683–84, H2695–96, H2696, H2722, H2731–32, H2760–61, H2761–62, H2765–66, and H2774–75. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING DAIRY REFORMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the USDA's progress in implementing the dairy reforms in the Foreign Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT STUDY OF CASH SURPLUSES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Study of Cash Surpluses at the San Antonio Branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Enforcement; Stanley Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Edward Federico, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, IRS; Jonathan Wiener, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began markup of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

Will continue tomorrow.

REVIEW OF EPA'S OZONE AND PARTICULATE MATTER NAAQS REVISIONS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Carol M. Browner, Administrator; Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation; and Jonathan Z. Cannon, General Counsel.

OVERSIGHT—JUDICIAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Judicial Misconduct and Discipline. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia, DeLay, Hostettler and Lowey; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a joint hearing on National Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology); and Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REFORM ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 741, Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Breaux; Representative Stearns; Robert Streecher, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brent Manning, Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management Law Enforcement Authorities. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Baca, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, AND LITERACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1385, Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997. The rule makes in order the Committee on Education and the Workforce amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes, which shall be considered by division rather than by section and each division shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 5(a) of rule XXI (appropriating on a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record if offered by Representative McKeon or his designee, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes. 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 Goodling and Representatives McKeon, Kildee and Clay.

“DOES OPIC HELP SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS?”

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on “Does OPIC Help Small Business Exporters?” Testimony was heard from Mildred O. Callear, Acting President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

ONE YEAR AFTER VALUJET CRASH

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on One Year After ValuJet Crash—FAA Response to Hazmat and Cargo Fire Protection Issues. Testimony was heard from Barry Valentine, Acting Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Board; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE FINANCING—ACQUIRING FEDERAL REAL ESTATE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on Innovative Financing for Acquiring Federal Real Estate and Scoring Issues. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Herbert M. Franklin, Executive Officer, Architect of the Capitol; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1362, amended, Veterans Medicare Reimbursement Demonstration Act of 1997; and a measure on physician's special pay.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held an oversight hearing on U.S. Customs Service. Testimony was heard from George Weise, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NORTH KOREA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on North Korea. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COLUMBIA BASIN PLAN

Joint Hearings: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources' Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health to review proposed environmental impact statements, and a related alternative, relating to the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, initiated by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to respond to forest and rangeland ecosystem health, after receiving testimony from Senator Kempthorne; Representative Nethercutt; and Bob Williams, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, on behalf of the Executive Steering Committee of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D422)

H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission. Signed May 14, 1997. (P.L. 105-13)

S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert “Frank” Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities. Signed May 14, 1997. (P.L. 105-14)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine adult education programs, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on the Budget, to continue markup of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1057, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the “Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the “John T. Myers Post Office Building”; and H.R. 956,

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Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Government

Management, Information and Technology, joint hearing on the Health Care Financing Administration's Management of the Troubled Medicare Transaction System, 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, May 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative business is scheduled.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, May 16

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 1385, the Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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