

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President regarding P.L. 105-45, Military Construction Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S947-S1034

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1673-1680 and S. Res. 180-183. **Page S1003**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction—Veto Message: By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 13), two-thirds of the Senators voting having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, upon reconsideration, was passed, the objections of the President notwithstanding. **Pages S958-72, S995-97, S999-1000**

Honoring Harry Caray: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, honoring the memory of Harry Caray. **Pages S1029-32**

National Safe Place Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 96, proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as National Safe Place Week". **Page S1032**

Congratulating Northeastern University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, congratulating Northeastern University on providing quality higher education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 100 years, from 1898-1998. **Page S1032**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1663, to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics by a corporation or labor organization, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S972-95, S997-1001**

Adopted:

Snowe Amendment No. 1647 (to Amendment No. 1646), to amend those provisions with respect to communications made during elections, including

communications made by independent organizations. (By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S972-95, S997-1000**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1646, in the nature of a substitute. (By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 15), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S972-95, S997-1001**

Lott Amendment No. 1649, to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications.

Lott Amendment No. 1650 (to Amendment No. 1649), of a perfecting nature.

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions.

Lott Amendment No. 1651 (to the instructions in the motion to recommit), to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications.

Lott Amendment No. 1652 (to Amendment No. 1651), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 1653 (to Amendment No. 1652), of a perfecting nature.

Lott Amendment No. 1674 (to Amendment No. 1646), to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications. **Page S1000**

Lott Amendment No. 1675 (to Amendment No. 1674), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1000**

Withdrawn:

Lott Amendment No. 1648 (to Amendment No. 1647), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1000**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, February 26, 1998, with cloture votes

scheduled to occur on McCain Amendment No. 1646 and the bill.

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

Transmitting the report of the notice of the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-98). **Page S1002**

Transmitting a report on the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-99). **Page S1002**

Transmitting the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-100). **Page S1002**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2002.

Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. **Page S1034**

Messages From the President: **Page S1002**

Messages From the House: **Pages S1002-03**

Measures Referred: **Page S1003**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1003-14**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—15) **Pages S999-1001**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1033.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OPERATIONAL READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness concluded hearings to examine the status of the operational readiness of the United States Military Forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, after receiving testimony from Gen. William W. Crouch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. John W. Hendrix, USA, Commanding General, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and VII Army; Vice Adm. Steve Abbot, USN, Commander, Sixth Fleet; Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Commander, 21st Air Force, Air Mobility Command; and Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's report on the economic situation and monetary policy of the United States, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine long term budget projections, focusing on overall policy and Federal spending, after receiving testimony from Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; former Representative Bill Frenzel and Timothy Penny, both on behalf of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Uwe E. Reinhardt, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

AUTHORIZATION-RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, after receiving testimony from Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert T.

Francis II, Chairman, and Robert Lauby, Director, Office of Railroad Safety, both of the National Transportation Safety Board; M.B. Oglesby, Jr., Association of American Railroads, and Dan Pickett, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Gerri L. Hall, Operation Lifesaver, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Lonnie E. Blaydes, Jr., Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Public Transit Association.

SPECIALTY FOREST PRODUCTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings to examine the harvest of specialty forest products from national forests, focusing on the Forest Service's progress and plans for managing specialty forest products, how Native Americans will be able to obtain the plant materials they depend on, and how community-based solutions can protect environmental values while meeting the social and economic needs of local communities, after receiving testimony from Ronald Stewart, Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Christina Johnson, Trinity Alps Botanicals, Burnt Ranch, California; Victor Benavides, Forest Workers and Harvesters Alliance, White Salmon, Washington; Melissa Borsting, Rogue Institute for Ecology and Economy, Ashland, Oregon; Bodi K. Shaw, Confederated Tribes, Warm Springs, Oregon; Carla HighEagle, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Lapwai, Idaho; Rebecca Templin Richards, University of Montana, Missoula; Chris C. Schnepf, University of Idaho, Coeur d'Alene; Keith A. Blatner, Washington State University, Pullman; and Jason W. Clay, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R. 2676, receiving testimony from Paul C. Light, Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Ronald P. Sanders, George Washington University, Thomas H. Stanton, National Academy of Public Administration, G. Jerry Shaw, Senior Executives Association, Robert M. Tobias, National Treasury Employees Union, and Ray Woolner, Professional Managers Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert T. Grey, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to

the Conference on Disarmament, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CASPIAN SEA OIL PIPELINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings on the implementation of U.S. energy policy in the Caspian region, focusing on the construction of a Western Caspian Sea oil pipeline, receiving testimony from Robert W. Gee, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs; Jan Kalicki, Counselor to the Department of Commerce; Lawrence R. Fisher, Fluor-Daniel Incorporated, Sugar Land, Texas; and Charles William Maynes, Eursaia Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HIGH-TECH WORKER SHORTAGE AND IMMIGRATION POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States immigration policy with regard to labor market conditions in high-technology industries, and the Administration's proposal to raise the annual quota of H1-B visas, which enable skilled engineers to enter the United States to work for American high-tech companies, after receiving testimony from Raymond J. Uhalde, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; T.J. Rodgers, Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, San Jose, California; Michael Murray, Microsoft Corporation, Robert I. Lerman, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen H. Leven, Texas Instruments Incorporated, Dallas, on behalf of the American Electronics Association; Kenneth M. Alvares, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Palo Alto, California; Stephen Director, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Peter R. Genereaux, Utah Information Technologies Association, Midvale; Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia; and John R. Reinert, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers—United States of America, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Susan Graber, of Oregon, and Richard A. Paez, of California, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Sam A. Lindsay, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Hilda G. Tagle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, and Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Ms. Graber was introduced by Senators Smith and Wyden, Mr. Paez was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Mr. Lindsay was introduced by Senator Hutchison, Ms. Tagle was introduced by Senator Hutchison and Representative Ortiz and Eddie Bernice Johnson, and Ms. Ridgway was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

QUALITY SCHOOL-AGE CARE

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain initiatives to mobilize school and community resources to provide quality programs to address the needs of students during non-school hours, including the Administration's proposed expansion of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program designed to provide funds to school-community partnerships to start up or expand after-school, extended learning programs for school-age children, after receiving testimony from Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Shepherd Smith, Institute for Youth Development, Washington, D.C.; Sue Luck, Greater Burlington YMCA, Burlington, Vermont; Brad Luck, Essex Teen Center, Essex Junction, Vermont; Arthur W. Sheninger, Hatchery Hill School, Hackettstown, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Association of Elementary School Principals; Linda Childers, Young American's Bank, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the National Assembly of National Voluntary Health and Human Welfare Organizations; and Thomas C. Frazier, Baltimore City Police Depart-

ment, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.

BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the strategic plan implementation, including the budget requests for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony on behalf of funds for their operations from Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate; Gregory S. Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for Indian programs, receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michael H. Trujillo, Assistant Surgeon General, and Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Jacqueline L. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Chester Carl, Navajo Nation's Housing Authority, Window Rock, Arizona, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council; Julia A. Davis, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, Oregon; John Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Buford Rolin, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3258–3278; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 224, and H. Res. 369 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 368, providing for consideration of H.R. 2460, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices (H. Rept. 105–421).

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

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Federal Agency Compliance Act: The House passed H.R. 1544, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable nonacquiescence in, and relitigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 24.

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Rejected:

The Nadler amendment that sought to limit the scope of the bill to agency actions which involve Federal benefits programs or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 19);

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to exempt the adherence to court precedent if the agency matter is under consideration by a U.S. court of appeals and involves issues of civil rights, labor rights,

or environmental protection (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 22); and

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to exempt an agency from bill provisions for actions involving a commercial transaction with a business located in a foreign country (rejected by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 23).

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The Cox of California amendment, was offered but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to apply certain provisions to both section 707, adherence to court of appeals precedent or section 708, supervision of litigation; limiting unnecessary relitigation of legal issues.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 367, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

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Witness Protection and Interstate Relocation Act: The House passed H.R. 2181, to ensure the safety of witnesses and to promote notification of the interstate relocation of witnesses by States and localities engaging in that relocation by a ye and nay vote of 366 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 21.

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Rejected the Conyers amendment that sought to have the court change from a death sentence to a life imprisonment sentence if there is any doubt that the defendant committed the offense (rejected by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 20); and

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Rejected the Scott amendment that sought to require that a jury consider as a mitigating factor whether the evidence, although sufficient to permit a finding of guilt, removes all doubt about the defendant's guilt.

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H. Res. 366, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 369, electing Representative Velázquez to the Committee on Small Business and for the Committee on Banking and Financial Services providing that the powers and duties conferred upon the ranking minority member by House rules shall be exercised by the next senior member until otherwise ordered by the House.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Cuba: Message wherein he transmits his notice concerning the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-218);

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Loan Guarantees to Israel Program: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and

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Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Message wherein he transmitted his report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting—referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H594-95, H606, H608-09, H609-10, H610-11, and H611.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FDA. Testimony was heard from Michael A. Friedman, M.D., Lead Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation and on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from the following officials from Legal Service Corporation; Douglas Eakeley, Chairman; John Erlenborn, Vice Chairman; and John McKay, President; and Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Security Assistance. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and John Holum, Acting Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security Affairs, Department of State.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Pension Agencies, the Office of Inspector

General (Labor), the Employment Standards Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Labor: Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary, Pension Welfare Benefits Administration; Charles C., Masten, Inspector General; Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; and David M. Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Construction. Testimony was heard from Alma Boyd Moore, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Army.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John H. Dalton, Secretary; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on FY 1999, Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments); and Lt. Gen. Jeffrey W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Treasury Law Enforcement. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert Rubin, Secretary; Raymond Kelly, Under Secretary, Enforcement; Sam Banks, Acting Commissioner, Customs Service; John Magaw, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Lew Merletti, Director, Secret Service; William Baity, Deputy Director, Financial Crime Enforcement Network; and Ralph Basham Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Commission and on the Consumer Information Center. Testimony was heard from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and Teresa Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center, GSA.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the tobacco settlement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFRONTING IRAQ—U.S. OPTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Options in Confronting Iraq. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA-HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION; PERUVIAN POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.Res. 364, urging introduction and passage of a resolution on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Peruvian Population Control Program. Testimony was heard from Mark Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Latin America and the Caribbean, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS CREATION ACT; OVERSIGHT: U.S. ATTORNEY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice's Executive Office for U.S. Attorney, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and Executive Office for U.S. Trustees. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Donna A. Bucella, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys; Karen E. Schreier, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota and Vice Chairman, Attorney General's Advisory Committee for U.S. Attorneys; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; and Joseph Patchan, Director, Executive Office for the U.S. Trustees.

**FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS;
OVERSIGHT: CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 3206, Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Bill Lann Lee, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**MARIJUANA-SHOULD NOT BE LEGALIZED
FOR MEDICINAL USE**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action a proposed resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive narcotic and should not be legalized for medicinal use.

THREAT ASSESSMENT BRIEFING

Committee on National Security: Met in executive session to hold a threat assessment briefing. The Committee was briefed by John A. Gordon, Deputy Director, CIA; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

DEPOT ISSUES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness concluded hearings on depot issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: J.S. Gansler, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Darleen A. Druyan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Acquisition and Management, Department of the Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2756, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 2924, to amend the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era and by the Elim Native Corporation; H.R. 3087, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to grant an easement to Chugranch Alaska Corporation; and H.R. 3088, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, regarding Huna Totem Corporation public interest land exchange. Testimony was heard from Eleanor Towns, Director of Lands, Forest Service, USDA; John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**FOREST SERVICE ROADLESS AREA
MORATORIUM**

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson, Oberstar, Herger, Stupak and Taylor of North Carolina; Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act. The rule waives clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI requiring a three-day layover of the committee report. The rule makes in order the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, each section of which shall be considered as read. The rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule further allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that after passage of the House bill, it will be in order to move to insert the House-passed language in the Senate bill number. Testimony was heard from Representative McCollum.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the following: Department of Energy FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request; H.R. 1806, to provide for the consolidation of the Office of Fossil Energy and the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the Department of Energy; and S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; William D. Magwood, Associate Director, Policy and Analysis, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; Patricia Fry Godley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; Peter N. Brush, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

FY 1999 BUDGET REQUEST NASA

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Wesley T. Huntress, Associate Administrator, Space Science; Arnauld E. Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications; Ghassem Asrar, Associate Administrator, Earth Science; and Joseph Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Human Space.

REDUCING SMALL BUSINESS TAX BURDEN

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Reducing America's Small Business Tax Burden. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development met and agreed to postpone a hearing on the GSA FY 1999 Budget, and related issues.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998; and H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act.

The Committee also held a hearing on the revenue provisions in the Administration's FY 1999 Budget. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

BUDGET OVERVIEW BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Budget Overview. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RADIO FREQUENCY WEAPONS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the proliferation and use of radio frequency weapons technology, and their potential impact on United States infrastructure and economy after receiving testimony from James F. O'Bryon, Deputy Director, Operational Test and Evaluation Live Fire Testing, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Ira W. Merritt, Missile Defense and Space Technology Center, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Huntsville, Alabama; and R. Alan Kehs, U.S. Army Research Laboratories, Adelphi, Maryland; and David Schriener, Ridgecrest, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Secretary of the Senate, the Capitol Police Board, and the Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Treasury Department, focusing on law enforcement programs, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the success of the national trade strategy from the perspective of international affairs funding, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between States Attorneys Generals and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:45 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) efforts to upgrade the infrastructure that supports air transportation in the United States, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine private contracting in Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine whether U.S. unilateral trade sanctions are effective for U.S.-Asia trade policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine drug trafficking and certification, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1495, to strengthen the ability of the Office of Personnel Management to obtain judicial review to protect the merit system, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on oversight of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, focusing on international and criminal enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to protect the confidentiality of medical information, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Jewish War Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Veterans of World War I, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' tribal priority allocations, 11 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States, Australia, and New Zealand, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and on the USIA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 10 a.m., and on GAO, Department of Health and Human Services oversight, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and, executive, on FY 1999 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the IRS, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Court of Veterans Appeals, 2:30 p.m., and on the Selective Service System, 3:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer—Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to continue hearings on Campaign Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Narcotics Policy Toward Colombia, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Shattered Dream, the Uncertain State of Democracy in Cambodia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Administrative Taxation: The FCC's Universal Service Tax, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the need for federal protection of religious freedom after *Boerne v. Flores*, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to markup the following bills: H.R. 2696, Vessel Hull Design Protection Act; H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act; and H.R. 3209, the On-line Copyright Infringement Liability Limitation Act, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Installations & Facilities, hearing on FY 1999 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status and effectiveness of the TRICARE program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Department of Defense Modernization for FY 1999, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for three agencies within the Department of Interior: Office of Surface Mining, Minerals Management Service, and the Energy and Minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, and National Marine Service FY 1999 Budget request, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Fee Demonstration Programs—Successes and Failures, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on the FY 1999 Administration Request for the Technology Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Issues related to Stolen Airline Ticket Stocks from Travel Agents, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Assessing Health Care Quality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of

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Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform.

House Chamber

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