

Wednesday, March 4, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 856, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act.

House Committees ordered reported seven sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1297–S1369

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1704–1710, S. Con. Res. 79, and S. Res. 191. **Page S1336**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 191, making majority party appointments for the Committee on Governmental Affairs for the 105th Congress. **Page S1367**

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1298–S1333**

Adopted:

By 62 yeas to 32 nays, one responding present (Vote No. 20), Lautenberg Amendment No. 1682 (to Amendment No. 1676), to prohibit the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container, or the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, in the passenger area of a vehicle on a public highway. **Pages S1298–S1306**

Inhofe/Breaux Amendment No. 1687 (to Amendment No. 1676), to ensure that the States have the necessary flexibility to implement the new standards for ozone and particulate matter. **Pages S1322–26, S1329–30**

Reid Amendment No. 1688 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide support for Federal, State, and local efforts to carry out transportation planning for the Tahoe National Forest, the Toiyabe National Forest, the Eldorado National Forest, and the areas owned by States and local governments that sur-

round Lake Tahoe and protect the environment and serve transportation. **Page S1326**

Chafee (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1690 (to Amendment No. 1676), to modify State infrastructure bank matching requirements. **Page S1331**

Chafee (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1691 (to Amendment No. 1676), to include as a goal of the innovative bridge research and construction program the development of new nondestructive bridge evaluation technologies and techniques. **Page S1331**

Baucus (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1692 (to Amendment No. 1676), to refine the criteria of selection for Federal assistance for Trade Corridor and Border Infrastructure, Safety, and Congestion Relief projects. **Page S1332**

Baucus (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 1693 (to Amendment No. 1676), to clarify the planning provisions of the bill. **Page S1332**

Baucus (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1694 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for research into the interactions between information technology and future travel demand. **Page S1332**

Pending:

Chafee Amendment No. 1684 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the distribution of additional funds for the Federal-aid highway program. **Pages S1306–22**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, March 5, 1998. **Page S1333**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

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

Transmitting a report concerning national security interests with respect to Bosnia and Herzegovina; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-105). **Page S1334**

Transmitting a report on telecommunications payments to the Government of Cuba from United States persons for the period July 1 through December 31, 1997; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-106). **Pages S1334-35**

Transmitting the report of the notice of the continuation of the Iran emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-107). **Page S1335**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David M. Mason, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Robert H. Beatty, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2004.

Arthur A. McGiverin, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2000.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—20) **Page S1305**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 5, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1367.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates

for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Commerce, receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary, W. Scott Gould, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Mark Brown, Director, Office of Budget, all of the Department of Commerce.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Under Secretary, and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 11.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on policies of the industrial and technology base supporting national defense, receiving testimony from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Lance A. Davis, Deputy Director (Technology Transfer and Lab Management), Department of Defense; and David E. Cooper, Associate Director for Defense Acquisition Issues, General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 12.

MILITARY TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings to examine certain military transformation initiatives, focusing on the Joint Staff's implementation plan (Joint Vision 2010) to promote innovation and change in the Department of Defense, including developing information superiority, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Frank B. Campbell, Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment; Lt. Gen. Douglas D. Buchholz, Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems, Joint Staff; Maj. Gen. George F. Close, Director for Operational Plans and Interoperability; Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC (Ret.), former Commander, United States Atlantic Command; and Gen. Robert W. RisCassi, USA (Ret.), Member, National Defense Panel.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention policies within the Department of Defense and the military services, receiving testimony from Mark Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, General Accounting Office; Frank M. Rush, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Maj. Gen. Mark R. Hamilton, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Maj. Gen. Jack W. Klump, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command; Col. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service; Beverly Schladt and David Moser, both Senior Evaluators, General Accounting Office; Sgt. First Class Gregory W. Seibert, United States Army; Aviation Administrator Second Class Jack D. Layne, and Signalman Second Class Deanna M. Luna, both of the United States Navy; Technical Sgt. Timothy C. Barber, United States Air Force; and Gunnery Sgt. Paul A. Jornet, United States Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 11.

DEFENSE DEPOT MAINTENANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness concluded hearings to examine the status of the bidding process between public and private competitors over the disposition of the workloads currently performed at Sacramento and San Antonio Air Logistics Centers identified for closure during the 1995 base realignment and closure process, after receiving testimony from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs Division, Robert Murphy, General Counsel, and Julia Denman, Assistant Director, Defense Management Issues, all of the General Accounting Office; Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Gen. George T. Babbitt, Jr., USN, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command; Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition and Management); Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini, USAF, Commander, Sacramento Air Logistics Center; Maj. Gen. Richard H. Roellig, USAF, Com-

mander, Ogden Air Logistics Center; Maj. Gen. Charles H. Perez, USAF, Commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center; Maj. Gen. James S. Childress, USAF, Commander, San Antonio Logistics Center; and Maj. Gen. Richard N. Goddard, USAF, Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

DOE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Federico Pena, Secretary of Energy.

U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the recent World Trade Organization decision in the *Eastman Kodak v. Fuji Photo Film* dispute and its implications for United States-Japan relations, after receiving testimony from Susan G. Esserman, General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Ira Wolf, Kodak Japan Limited, Tokyo, on behalf of the Eastman Kodak Company; and William H. Barringer, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, on behalf of the Fuji Photo Film, Inc., Clyde V. Prestowitz, Economic Strategy Institute, and Edward J. Lincoln, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of national drug control policies, after receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition held hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and its goal to provide increased competition to the telecommunications industry, focusing on Federal and State coordination efforts with regard to the entry of the Regional Bell Companies into interLATA long distance service, receiving testimony from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Jolynn Barry Butler, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Columbus; Bert Roberts, MCI Communications Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Royce Caldwell, SBC Communications, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; Jim Robbins, Cox Communications, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; and William J. Rouhana, Jr., WinStar Communications, Inc., New York, New

York, on behalf of the Association for Local Telecommunications Services.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS THREAT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information held joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the threat posed by the use of biological weapons by terrorists, receiving testimony from Stephen M. Ostroff, Associate Director for Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Col. David R. Franz, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Ft. Detrick, Maryland; and W. Seth Carus, Center for Counter Proliferation Research/National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OPERATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings on S. 1578, to require the Director of the Congressional Research Service to make accessible to the public via the Internet all information available through the CRS web site that is not confidential, including CRS issue briefs, reports, and authorization or appropriations products, the proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Library of Congress, to review the Library's management operations, and its plans for the Bicentennial observance in the year 2000, and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress, receiving testimony from Senator McCain; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian of Congress; William L. Kinney Jr., Chairman, American Folklife Center Board of Trustees; and Alan Jabbour, Director, American Folklife Center.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3317–3336; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 113–114, H. Con. Res. 233–234, were introduced. Page H850

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 377, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2369) to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping (H. Rept. 105–427); and

H. Res. 378, providing for consideration of H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements (H. Rept. 105–428). Page H850

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H759

United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act: The House passed H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 37. Pages H772–H837

On demand for a separate vote, agreed to the Solomon amendment, as amended by the Burton

amendment in the nature of a substitute, that applies the official English language requirements to Puerto Rico upon accession to Statehood and promotes the teaching and use of English in Puerto Rico by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 36. Pages H836–37

Agreed To:

The Burton substitute amendment to the Solomon amendment that applies the official English language requirements to Puerto Rico upon accession to Statehood and promotes the teaching and use of English in Puerto Rico (agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 29); Pages H804–12

The Solomon amendment, as amended, that applies the official English language requirements to Puerto Rico upon accession to Statehood and promotes the teaching and use of English in Puerto Rico (agreed to by a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 30); Pages H802–12

Rejected:

The Gutierrez substitute amendment to the Solomon amendment that sought to stipulate that Spanish, as an official language of Puerto Rico, is the official language in the State government and Federal courts and agencies under certain circumstances (rejected by a recorded vote of 13 ayes to 406 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 28); Pages H802–11

The Gutierrez substitute amendment to the Serrano amendment that sought to establish voting

eligibility in the referenda for individuals residing outside of Puerto Rico including those who have at least one parent who was born in Puerto Rico;

Pages H817-19

The Serrano amendment that sought to allow U.S. citizens born in Puerto Rico but residing outside of Puerto Rico to vote in the referenda (rejected by a recorded vote of 57 ayes to 356 noes, Roll No. 32);

Pages H817-20

The Gutierrez amendment that sought to establish that Puerto Rico is sociologically and culturally a Caribbean and Latin American nation; Pages H821-23

The Stearns amendment that sought to require a run-off referendum, not later than 90 days after the first, between the 2 options which received the most votes (rejected by a recorded vote of 28 ayes to 384 noes, Roll No. 33);

Pages H823-24, H833-34

The Gutierrez amendment that sought to strike language dealing with the establishment of United States nationality for inhabitants of Puerto Rico under the Treaty of Paris;

Pages H824-25

The Barr amendment that sought to require the approval of the statehood option by a super-majority of 75 percent of the valid votes cast (rejected by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 34);

Pages H825-28, H834-35

The Velazquez amendment that sought to specify that persons born in Puerto Rico who are Puerto Rican citizens may not be denied the right to vote in Puerto Rico even if they are not United States citizens;

Pages H828-29

The Gutierrez amendment that sought to strike section 2, Congressional findings;

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The Gutierrez amendment that sought to allow Puerto Rico to retain its separate Olympic Committee and ability to compete under its own flag and national anthem (rejected by a recorded vote of 2 ayes to 413 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 35); and

Pages H829-30, H835

The Gutierrez amendment that sought to retain corporate tax provisions for twenty years after statehood and to exempt Puerto Ricans from U.S. internal revenue laws until such time as the State of Puerto Rico achieves the same per capita income as the State with the next lowest per capita income.

Pages H831-33

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 856 to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the action of the House.

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H. Res. 376, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a yea and nay vote of 370 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 27. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and

numbered 1 was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H763-72

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Payments Made to Cuba: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning payments made to Cuba by any United States person as a result of telecommunications services—referred to the Committee in International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-221);

Pages H837-38

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-222); and

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U.S. Armed Forces Presence In Bosnia and Herzegovina: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the continued presence of U.S. armed forces, after June 30, 1998, in Bosnia and Herzegovina—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-223).

Pages H838-39

Import Produce Labeling Act: Agreed that Representative Condit be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1232, a bill originally introduced by the late Representative Bono of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

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Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Amtrak Reform Council: Mrs. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, Mr. Bruce Chapman of Washington, and Mr. Christopher Gleason of Pennsylvania.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H851-52.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 31), one yea-and-nay vote, and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H771-72, H810-11, H811-12, H812, H819-20, H820, H833-34, H834-35, H835, H836-37, and H837.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997.

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 Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary and the SBA. Testimony was heard from: Judge John G. Heyburn, II, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky and Chairman and Judge Robert C. Broomfield, U.S. District Court, Western District of Arizona and member, both with the Committee on the Budget, Judicial Conference of the United States; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; Judge Rya W. Zobel, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts and Director, Federal Judiciary Center; and Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Energy Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration, on the Health Care Financing Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Health and Human Services: Claude E. Fox, M.D., Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Service Administration; John M. Eisneberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and Nancy-Ann Min-DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Air Force. Testimony was heard from Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on the U.S. Pacific Command/U.S. Forces Korea. Testimony was heard from Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and Kenneth Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Departmental Offices; and the Treasury Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Treasury: Robert E. Rubin, Secretary; Richard B. Calahan, Deputy Inspector General; Raisa Otero-Cesario, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; Gary L. Whittington, Assistant Inspector General, Resources; Dennis S. Schindel, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; William Pugh, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Audit; John Balakos, Associate Inspector General, Program Audits; Charles Little, Acting Director, Office of Information Technology; Emilie Bebel, Director, Office of Evaluations; and Lori Vaszar, Counsel to the Inspector General.

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Community Service.

MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL AGENCY PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing to Review the Proposed Rules Regarding the Management of Federal Agency Payments through the Use of Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT). Testimony was heard from Senator Faircloth; Representatives Franks of New Jersey and Kanjorski; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; John Dyer, Principal Deputy, SSA; Robert Gardner, Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

KYOTO PROTOCOL

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Kyoto Protocol and Its Economic Implications. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and Janet Yellen, Chair, Council of Economic Advisors.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITIONS AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection began markup of H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997.

Will continue March 11.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

ELECTIONS AND POLICIES—FOREIGN INFLUENCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the activities of China and other countries to influence U.S. policies and elections. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Janet Reno, Attorney General and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI; George J. Tenet, Director, CIA; and Lt. General Kenneth A. Minihan, Director, National Security Agency, Department of Defense.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT—TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997.

TROPICAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Portman; Thomas Fox, Assistant Administrator, Policy and Planning Bureau, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Mary Chavez, Director, International Debt Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Res. 373, commending democracy in Botswana; and H. Res. 374, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the ongoing violence in Algeria.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; CUBAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved for full Committee action the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building; H. Con. Res. 215, amended, congratulating the people of Co-operative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections; and H. Res. 362, amended, commending the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba: An Assessment of its Impact on Religious Freedom in Cuba. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1704, amended, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act; H.J. Res. 78, amended, proposing an amendment to

the Constitution of the United States regarding religious freedom; H.R. 3117, amended, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998; H.R. 2589, amended, Copyright Term Extension Act; H. Res. 372, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use; and H.R. 118, amended, Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. John H. Tilelli, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Korea; and Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

FY 1999 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MODERNIZATION

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on FY 1999 Department of Defense, emphasis on Navy and Marine Corps modernization programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John W. Douglas, Assistant Secretary, Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, 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.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AND INCENTIVE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (Prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new budget authority, changes in revenues, or changes in the public debt for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that year has been agreed to).

The rule makes in order the Ways and Means Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it shall be

considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The rule provides that no amendment shall be in order unless printed in the Congressional Record. The rule waives points of order against the amendment by Mr. Cardin printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2 for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments). The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Shaw, Levin and Cardin.

WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI(3 day availability of committee reports).

The rule makes in order the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it shall be 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. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee on 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bliely and Representatives Tauzin and Markey.

MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on Math and Science Education I; Maintaining the Interest of Young Kids in Science. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NOAA—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on FY 1999 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the Regulatory Fairness Program and the first annual Report to Congress submitted by the national Small Business Ombudsman. Testimony was heard from Peter Barca, National Ombudsman, SBA; and public witnesses.

FY 1999 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 budget request for the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from the following officials of U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant; Eric A. Trent, USCG, Master Chief Petty Officer; and Everette L. Tucker, Jr., USCG, National Commodore; and public witnesses.

SUPERFUND ACCELERATION, FAIRNESS EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment began markup of H.R. 2727, Superfund Acceleration, Fairness, and Efficiency Act.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the global warming agreement recently reached in Kyoto, Japan and its effect on the agricultural economy, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine barriers to airline competition, 10 a.m., SD-124.

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

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Education, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to continue hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Education, focusing on security on campus, 3 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold open and closed (SR-222) hearings on the role of the Department of Defense in countering the transnational threats of the 21st century, including terrorism, narco-trafficking, and weapons of mass destruction, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the commercialization of space, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to consider a committee report on special investigation of illegal and improper activities in connection with 1996 Federal election campaigns, 4 p.m., SD-342.

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

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, focusing on proposals to reform the naturalization process, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine after school child care options, 10 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E297-E300 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing to review the implementation of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Departmental Administration, the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the FBI, 10:30 a.m., and on the Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Public Witnesses (Indian Programs), 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 a.m., and on the Administration for Children and Families and the Administration on Aging, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on the Quality of Life and Senior Enlisted from each Service, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on FY 1999 Air Force Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn, and, executive, on FY 1999 Air Force Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Financial Management Services, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Mint, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Community Development Financial Institutions, 9 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to mark up H.R. 3114, International Monetary Fund Reform and Authorization Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 3000, Superfund Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Tobacco Settlement, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Developing a Consensus on Student Loan Interest Rates, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2888, Sales Incentive Compensation Act; and H.R. 2327, Drive for Teen Employment Act, 9:30 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3249, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act; and H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on Oversight of the Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Public Health 2000: Hepatitis C, the Silent Epidemic, 10:30 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

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

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget request for FY 1999, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 364, urging the 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; H. Res. 361, calling for free and impartial elections in Cambodia; and H. Con. Res. 218, concerning the urgent need to establish a cease fire in Afghanistan and begin the transition toward a broad-based multiethnic government that observes international norms of behavior, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Multilateral Agreement on Investment: Win, Lose or Draw for the U.S.? 1 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and the Subcommittee on Africa, joint hearing on the Ongoing Crisis in the Great Lakes, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing regarding mass torts and class action lawsuits, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2837, Naturalization Reform Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, to continue joint hearings on FY 1999 Department of Defense, emphasis on Army modernization, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, oversight hearing on Endangered Species Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to mark up H.R. 2458, Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997, 3 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to consider pending Committee business; to be followed by continuation of oversight hearings on the Road From Kyoto—Part 3: State Department Overview, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up H.R. 2843, Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997; followed by a hearing on FAA's modernization programs, 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the GSA's FY 1999 budget and related issues, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3039, Veterans' Transitional Housing Opportunities Act of 1997; and H.R. 3211, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, H.R. 3213, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify enforcement of veterans' employment rights with respect to a State as an employer or a private employer, to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, March 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, ISTEPA Authorization.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2369, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997 (Open Rule, One Hour General Debate); and
Consideration of H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (Modified Open Rule, One Hour General Debate).

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