

Thursday, March 12, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments.

The House passed H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1811–S1906

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1748–1754. **Pages S1883–84**

Measures Passed:

China/Human Rights: By 95 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 31), S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China. **Pages S1859–67**

ISTEA Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1821–59**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 30), modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676). **Pages S1821–58**

By 78 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 29), McCain Amendment No. 1726 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide that demonstration projects shall be subject to any limitation on obligations established by law that applies in Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. **Pages S1821–22**

Chafee (for D'Amato/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1998 (to Amendment No. 1931, agreed to on March 10, 1998), to make grants to the University of Alabama to establish a university transportation Center. **Page S1822**

Chafee (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 1999 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study to assess the impact that a utility company's failure to relocate its facilities in

a timely manner has on the delivery and cost of Federal-aid highway and bridge projects. **Page S1822**

Baucus (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 2000 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for high risk hazardous material and hazardous waste transportation safety. **Page S1822**

Chafee Amendment No. 2001 (to Amendment No. 1676), to make certain technical corrections. **Page S1823**

Chafee (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2002 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for a school transportation safety study. **Pages S1823–24**

Chafee (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1986 (to Amendment No. 1676), to designate a commercial zone within which the transportation of certain property in commerce is exempt from certain provisions of Chapter 135 of title 49, United States Code. **Pages S1824–25**

Chafee Amendment No. 2003 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the continuation of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program in the mass transportation programs of the Federal government. **Page S1825**

Chafee/McConnell Amendment No. 2004 (to Amendment No. 1676), to allow entities and persons to comply with court orders relating to disadvantaged business enterprises and to require the Comptroller General to carry out review of the disadvantaged business enterprises program and discrimination in general. **Page S1825**

Levin Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for greater local input in transportation planning and programming. **Pages S1827–29, S1830**

Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2005 (to Amendment No. 1375), to modify the factors that the Secretary is required to consider in selecting States, metropolitan planning organizations, and

projects to receive grants under the program to provide Federal assistance for trade corridors and border infrastructure safety and congestion relief.

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Warner (for Chafee) Amendment No. 2006 (Amendment No. 1676), to change the date of a letter referred to in a provision relating to obligation limitations.

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Warner (for Lautenberg) No. 2007 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide assistance to seaports and airports affected by the increase in trade with Canada and Mexico resulting from the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

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Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 2008 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide a program for remote sensing and spatial information technologies.

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Warner (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2009 (to Amendment No. 1676), relating to the deployment of technologies to detect and deter illegal narcotic smuggling.

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Warner (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2010 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require the Secretary to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the state of the transportation infrastructure on the southwest border between the United States and Mexico.

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Warner (for Breaux/Landrieu) Amendment No. 2011 (to Amendment No. 1676), to identify certain routes in Louisiana as part of the North-South Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

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Warner (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 1676), to expand the scope of the hazard elimination program.

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Warner (for Abraham/Levin) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 1676), to modify a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

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Warner (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2014 (to Amendment No. 1676), to designate certain segments of corridors of the Appalachian development highway system in Mississippi and Alabama as routes on the Interstate System.

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Moseley-Braun Modified Amendment No. 2015 (to Amendment No. 1676), to increase funding for the Railway-Highway Crossing Hazard Elimination Program.

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Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate calendar.

Indictment Against Saddam Hussein: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity,

taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Murkowski (for Specter) Amendment No. 1933, in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Friday, March 13, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon.

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on Monday, March 16, 1998.

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Messages From the House:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—31)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 13, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1906.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—CHILD NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, focusing on streamlining program operations, increasing access to qualified participants, and ensuring food safety, receiving testimony from Representative Kennedy; Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Melinda Turner, American School Food Service Association, Booneville, Kentucky; Linda Locke, Community Coordinated Child Care, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Child Care Food Program; Karen R. Ford, Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines; and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 17.

**APPROPRIATIONS—SUPREME COURT/
JUDICIARY**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Supreme Court of the United States and the Judiciary, receiving testimony from Judge Anthony M. Kennedy and Judge David H. Souter, each an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; and Judge John G. Heyburn II, United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 19.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Senator Warner, on behalf of the Joint Committee on Printing; Senator Roth, on behalf of the Joint Committee on Taxation; Representative Saxton, on behalf of the Joint Economic Committee; Gregory Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms; James Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Daniel Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 19.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of the Treasury, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, on behalf of the Community Development Financial Institutions.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 19.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years de-

fense program, focusing on science and technology programs, receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Kenneth J. Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Larry Lynn, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on environmental management, non-proliferation, and fissile materials disposition, receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Moler, Deputy Secretary of Energy, Rose Gottmoeller, Director, Office of Non-Proliferation, James Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, and Howard Cantor, Acting Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, all of the Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 19.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1423, to modernize and improve the operations of the Federal Home Loan Bank by allowing financial institutions with assets less than \$500 million to access the Federal Home Loan Bank System for new kinds of lending, providing voluntary membership, reforming the capital structure of the System, and changing the REFCorp formula to a fixed percentage, after receiving testimony from Mark Drabenstott, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Missouri; Dean R. Edwards, Affordable Housing Group, Charlotte, North Carolina; James Verbrugge, University of Georgia, Atlanta; Phil Burns, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, West Point, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Robert I. Gullledge, Citizen's Bank, Robertsdale, Alabama, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; and Curtis L. Hage, Home Federal Savings Bank, Sioux City, South Dakota, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of John Charles Horsley, of Washington, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, Robert J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Winter D. Horton, Jr., of Utah, and Christy Carpenter, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, and Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and lists for promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard;

S. 1699, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel BILLIE-B-II;

S. 1731, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel FALLS POINT;

S. 1732, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VESTERHAVEN, with an amendment;

S. 1609, to authorize funds for the Next Generation Internet program, and to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress in its activities. (As approved by the committee, the bill authorizes \$102,500,000 for fiscal year 1999 and \$115,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.);

H.R. 1702, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1250, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1422, to promote competition in the market for delivery of multichannel video programming;

S. 1618, to improve the protection of consumers against "slamming" by telecommunications carriers, with amendments;

S. 1619, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to study systems for filtering or blocking matter on the Internet, and to require the installation of such a system on computers in schools and libraries with Internet access; and

S. 1482, to establish a prohibition on commercial distribution on the World Wide Web of material that is harmful to minors.

AUTHORIZATION—COAST GUARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

CHINESE NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held closed hearings to examine certain intelligence issues relating to Chinese nuclear cooperation with various countries, receiving testimony from Robert J. Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and John Lauder, Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Nonproliferation, Central Intelligence Agency.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AFRICAN DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the prospects for democracy under the current generation of new African leaders, and how the United States should interact with and support them, after receiving testimony from Susan E. Rice, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; and George B.N. Ayittey, American University, Pauline Baker, Fund for Peace, Salih Booker, Council on Foreign Relations, and David F. Gordon, Overseas Development Council, all of Washington, D.C.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on management flexibility and accountability provisions, receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; Carol J. Okin, Associate Director for Merit Systems Oversight and Effectiveness, Office of Personnel Management; and Michael Brostek, Associate

Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PROTECT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on provisions of S. 1530, to resolve ongoing tobacco litigation, to reform the civil justice system responsible for adjudicating tort claims against companies that manufacture tobacco products, and establish a national tobacco policy for the United States that will decrease youth tobacco use and reduce the marketing of tobacco products to young Americans (pending on Senate calendar), receiving testimony from David Satcher, Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Health; William L. Roper, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, on behalf of Partnership for Prevention; Gregory N. Connolly, Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program/Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Boston; and Michael C. Fiore, Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention/University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, focusing on new technologies in patient care and the Agency's contribution to technology assessment and health care quality improvement, receiving testimony from John M. Eisenberg, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Pete DeBusk, DeRoyal Industries, Inc., Powell, Tennessee, on behalf of the Health Industry Distributors Association; Paul W. Mikus, ENDOcare, Inc., Irvine, California, on behalf of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association; Wade Aubry, University of California, San Francisco, on behalf of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; and Neil R. Powe, Johns Hopkins University of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3444–3464; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 242–243, were introduced. Pages H1158–59

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2294, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, amended (H. Rept. 105–437);

H. Con. Res. 238, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure, amended (H. Rept. 105–438);

H.R. 3117, to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights, amended (H. Rept. 105–439); and

H.R. 2515, to address the declining health of forests on Federal lands in the United States through a program of recovery and protection consistent with the requirements of existing public land management and environmental laws, to establish a program to inventory, monitor, and analyze public and private forests and their resources, amended (H. Rept. 105–440 Part 1). Page H1158

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Brady to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1115

Journal: By a recorded vote of 368 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 49, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 11. Pages H1115, H1121–22

Government Performance and Results Act: The House passed H.R. 2883, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports by a yeas and nays vote of 242 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 50. Pages H1122–35
Agreed To:

The Maloney of New York amendment that establishes limited applicability to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve banks but only with respect to operations that are not directly related to the establishment and conduct of the monetary policy of the United States; and Pages H1132–33

The Horn amendment that corrects the submission date of agency inspector general review of performance plans and reports. Page H1134

Rejected the Kucinich amendment that sought to strike language requiring the resubmission of agency strategic plans. **Pages H1133-34**

A point of order was sustained against the Kucinich amendment that sought to apply the Act's requirements to any committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate. **Pages H1131-32**

H. Res. 384, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 48. **Pages H1117-21**

Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 52; and agreed to amend the title. The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to the bill on March 11. **Pages H1136-40**

Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to grant to United States district courts the original jurisdiction to hear and determine all claims, notwithstanding the dollar amount, arising out of an agency action alleged to constitute a taking without just compensation by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 206 noes, Roll No. 51. **Pages H1136-38**

H. Res. 382, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on March 11. **Pages H1085-86**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 16. **Pages H1140-41**

Consideration of Concurrent Resolution to Remove U.S. Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Agreed by unanimous consent that it not be in order prior to Wednesday, March 18, 1998 to consider H. Con. Res. 227, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina; that it be in order on Wednesday, March 18 to consider the concurrent resolution, as modified by the amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record of today; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption without intervening motion except two hours of debate, with one hour controlled by Representative Campbell, thirty minutes controlled by Representative Gilman or his designee, and thirty minutes controlled by Representative Hamilton or his designee. **Page H1141**

Late Report—International Relations: Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 13 to file a report on H.R. 2870, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical

forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests. **Page H1141**

Late Report—Judiciary: The Committee on the Judiciary received permission to have until midnight on Friday, March 13 to file a report on H.R. 1704, to establish a Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis. **Page H1141**

Consideration of Suspensions: Agreed that it be order at any time on Wednesday, March 18, 1998, for the speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills: H.R. 2696, to provide for protection of certain original designs; S. 758, making technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; H.R. 2294, Federal Court Improvement Act of 1997; and H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998. **Page H1141**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 16. **Page H1141**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 16, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, for Morning-Hour debate. **Page H1141**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 18. **Page H1141**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1115.

Referral: S. 1605, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H1156**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1121, H1121-22, H1135, H1138, and H1140. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:58 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 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Farm Credit Administration. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Marsha Pyle Martin, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Bureau of Prisons. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; and John Clark, Corrections Trustee, District of Columbia.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Howard R. Canter, Acting Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition; Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Radioactive Waste Management; and James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management Program.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy, the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment of the Humanities. Testimony was heard from Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy; and the following officials of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities: Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, Acting Chairman; and Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Senior Deputy Chairman, both with the National Endowment for the Arts; and William Ferris, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Human Genome Research Institute, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; and Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Housing Privatization Efforts. Testimony was heard from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Affairs and Installations, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Federal Transit Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Testimony was heard from Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and Richard A. White, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Executive Residence, the Executive Office of the President, and on the OMB. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Terry R. Carlstrom, Regional Director; James I. McDaniel, Director, White House Liaison; and Marilyn J. Meyers, Budget Analyst; Ada L. Posey, Director, Office of Administration on behalf of Executive Office of the President Agencies; and Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA Space Station Programs. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Community-Based Care for Americans with Disabilities. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representative Gephardt; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation; and Sally Richardson, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Health Care Financing Administration; Ann Koci, Commissioner, Adult and Medical Services, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Public and Private School Choice in the

District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from Arlene Ackerman, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, Public Schools, District of Columbia; Lawrence Callahan, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Washington, D.C.; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. REGIONAL COUNTERDRUG EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing of U.S. Regional counterdrug efforts. Testimony was heard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant and U.S. Interdiction Coordinator, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense; and Donnie Marshall, Acting Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DAYTON AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 235, amended, calling for an end to the violent repression of the legitimate rights of the people of Kosova; and H. Res. 373, commending democracy in Botswana.

The Committee also held a hearing on prospects for Implementation of Dayton Agreements and the New NATO Mission in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Robert Gelbard, Special Representative of the President and the Secretary of State for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords, Department of State; and Walter Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

HELMS BURTON; TWO YEARS LATER

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Helms Burton: Two Years Later. Testimony was heard from Michael Rannenberger, Director, Office of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued hearings on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, GAO; Marion A. Olson, Jr., Standing Chapter 13 Trustee, U.S. Bank-

ruptcy Court, Western District of Texas; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 18.

CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 3168, Citizen Protection Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Senator Torricelli; Representative Hutchinson; and public witnesses.

BAIL BOND FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 2134, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from W. Eugene Davis, Judge, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (Fifth Circuit), and Chair, Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules, U.S. Judicial Conference; and public witnesses.

TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL WORKER ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 3410, Temporary Agricultural Worker Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also considered private bills.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 1999 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Committee on National Security: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on morale, welfare and recreation programs and issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Hall, USA, Sergeant Major of the Army; Electronics Technician Master Chief Petty Officer John Hagan, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; Chief Master Sgt. Eric W. Benken, USAF, Senior Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force; Sgt. Maj. Lewis G. Lee, USMC, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps; Carolyn H. Becraft, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Personnel Support, Families, and Education); Brig. Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, USA, Commanding General, Department of the Army; and

Rear Adm. James B. Hinkle, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Arthur J. Meyers, Director, Air Force Services; and Mike Tharrington, Director, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

MILITARY RECRUITING, RETENTION, AND RELATED ISSUES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on military recruiting, retention, and related personnel programs and policies. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Maj. Gen. Mark R. Hamilton, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McCann, USN, Commander, U.S. Navy Recruiting Command; Col. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service; and Maj. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—CONCESSION REFORM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1522, amended, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund; and H.R. 2098, National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act of 1997.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Concession Reform. Testimony was heard from Senator Thomas; Victor S. Rozendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Robert Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SONNY BONO MEMORIAL SALTON SEA RECLAMATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; Representatives Hunter and Brown of California; David Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; Douglas P. Wheeler, Secretary for Resources, State of California; Christopher Harris, Manager, Water Resources Program, Department of Water Re-

sources, State of Arizona; Wayne Hardie, Group Leader, Energy and Environmental Analysis, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

LINE ITEM VETO

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process concluded hearings on the Line Item Veto After One Year, the Process and Its Implementation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon, Packard, Miller of Florida, Castle, Neumann, Murtha, Stenholm, Spratt, Skaggs, Upton and Roemer.

OVERSIGHT—FAA'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing to review the FAA's FY '99 Budget Request, including the Flight 2000 Demonstration Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FAA, Department of Transportation: Dennis DeGaetano, Deputy Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions; and Ralph Eschenbach, Chairman, Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY PROGRAM CHANGES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3412, Small Business Investment Company Technical Corrections Act of 1998.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing to discuss improvements in the Small Business Investment Company program. Testimony was heard from Lee Mercer, President, National Association of Small Business Investment Companies.

FAA AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 18.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad held a hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: Resources Requirements. Testimony was heard from Linda J. Morgan, Chairwoman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation.

SSA COMMISSIONER—CHALLENGES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a joint hearing to review the challenges

facing the new Commissioner of Social Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security; and David C. Williams, Inspector General; and the following officials of the GAO: Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services, Division; and Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10:30 a.m., and on OPM, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on District of Columbia Public Schools: Student Enrollment Count, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on improving readiness capabilities, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, March 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 78, Indictment Against Saddam Hussein, with a vote to occur thereon.

House Chamber

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