

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 7 sundry measures, including Emergency Supplemental appropriations fiscal year 1998 and Emergency Supplemental Recessions appropriations fiscal year 1998.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1823-1855 and S. Res. 199. **Pages S2488-89**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for fiscal Year 1998" (S. Rept. No. 105-172) **Page S2488**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1768, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2452-86**

Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 2085, to establish a treatment of educational accomplishments of National Guard Challenge Program participants. **Page S2458**

Stevens (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2079, to provide contingent emergency funds for the enhancement of a number of theater missile defense programs. **Pages S2456-59**

Stevens Amendment No. 2092, to require the Federal Communications Commission to submit a report on universal service support for public institutional telecommunications users. **Pages S2459-60**

Leahy Amendment No. 2098, to clarify the definition of "Great Lakes". **Pages S2460-62**

Stevens (for Frist/Byrd) Amendment No. 2101, to provide exemption authority for air service to slot-controlled airports. **Page S2469**

Gorton Modified Amendment No. 2102, to limit International Monetary Fund loans to Indonesia. **Pages S2470, S2482**

D'Amato Amendment No. 2109, to provide funds to compensate dairy producers for production losses due to natural disasters. **Pages S2479-81**

Stevens (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2111, to eliminate the State matching requirement with respect to certain amounts made available for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Development Center program of the Small Business Administration. **Pages S2482-84**

Stevens (for Coverdell/Cochran/Bumpers/Boxer/Cleland) Amendment No. 2112, to provide additional funds for emergency watershed and flood prevention operations. **Pages S2482-84**

Stevens (for Kennedy/Kerry) Amendment No. 2113, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to acquire a lease or other short-term interest in certain cranberry bogs near the Massachusetts Military Reservation, Massachusetts. **Pages S2482-84**

Stevens (for Coats/Lieberman) Amendment No. 2114, to extend the National Defense Panel to the end of fiscal year 1998. **Pages S2482-84**

Stevens (for Shelby/Byrd/Boxer/Dorgan) Amendment No. 2115, to provide funds for emergency railroad rehabilitation and repair on Class II and Class III railroads. **Pages S2482-84**

Stevens (for Gregg/Hollings) Amendment No. 2116, providing for the transfer of certain funds to the Department of State. **Pages S2482-84**

Stevens (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 2117, to encourage to use the voice and vote of the United States to enhance the general effectiveness of the International Monetary Fund. **Pages S2484-85**

Stevens (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2118, to establish an IMF impact team. **Pages S2484-85**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2119 (to Amendment No. 2100), to encourage the IMF to establish bankruptcy reform in economically troubled nations. **Pages S2484-85**

Rejected:

Gramm/Santorum Amendment No. 2104, to establish that only that portion of budget authority provided in this Act that is obligated during fiscal year 1998 shall be designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. (By 76 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 40), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2100, to provide supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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Faircloth Amendment No. 2103, to establish an Education Stabilization Fund to make loans to States for constructing and modernizing elementary and secondary schools.

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Stevens (for Nickles) Amendment No. 2120, to strike certain funding for the Health Care Financing Administration.

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Withdrawn:

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2080, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off and bi-weekly work programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 25, 1998.

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote Postponed: By unanimous consent agreement, the cloture vote on the motion to close further debate on H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, scheduled to occur today, was postponed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Joseph Burns, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Ryan Clark Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—40)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2503.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Programs, Keith Kelly, Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Christopher E. Goldthwait, General Sales Manager, Lon S. Hatamiya, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Kenneth D. Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 31.

ALZHEIMERS DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine issues with regard to Alzheimers disease, focusing on its impact on families and research and development programs, after receiving testimony from Steven DeKosky, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Donald Schmechel, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; Orien Reid, Laverock, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; Bob and Rosemary Cronin, Dubuque, Iowa; and Piper Laurie, Los Angeles, California.

DRUG ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposals to provide for non-discriminatory coverage for substance abuse treatment services under private group and individual health coverage, after receiving testimony from Senator Wellstone; Representative Ramstad; Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Department of Health and Human Services; Fred D. Hafer, General Public Utilities, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey; William Cope Moyers, Hazelden Foundation, Center City, Minnesota; John T. Schwarzlose, Betty Ford Center, Indian Wells, California, on behalf of the Partnership for Recovery and the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers; Buzz Aldrin, Santa Monica, California; Shawn Colvin and Bill Moyers, both of New York, New York; and Carroll O'Connor and Mackenzie Phillips, both of Los Angeles, California.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMTRAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), focusing on how to improve intercity passenger rail in the United States, receiving testimony from Senators Roth, Biden, and Baucus; Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Jack Lew, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mayor Ed Rendell, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Robert Kiley, New York City Partnerships, New York, New York; Robert Poole, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California; and Jeff Ladd, Metra Commuter Rail, Chicago, Illinois.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 2.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the management of research, development, test and evaluation programs, receiving testimony from John W. Lyons, Director, Army Research Laboratory, Richard E. Metrey, Director, Carderock Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, George T. Singley, III, Acting Director, Defense Research and Engineering, and Patricia A. Sanders, Director, Test, Systems Engineering and Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

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 ballistic missile defense programs, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense; Gen. Larry D. Welch, USAF (Ret.), Institute for Defense Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; David J. Smith, Global Horizons, Inc., Annandale, Virginia; and William R. Graham, National Security Research, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 26.

PROFESSIONAL BOXING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain business practices within the professional boxing industry, focusing on the role and status of State regulation, contract issues, and the promotion of the athletes, after receiving testimony from Gregory P. Sirb, Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Association of Boxing Commissions; Cedric Kushner, Cedric Kushner Promotions, Long Island, New York; James J. Binns, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Association of North America; Patrick C. English, Clifton, New Jersey; and Fredric G. Levin, Pensacola, Florida.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the process by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, and Jonathan Gruber, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury; Scott R. Strand, Minnesota Office of Attorney General, St. Paul; Floyd Abrams, Cahill, Gordon & Reindel, Martin Feldman, Smith Barney, Inc., and Harvey R. Miller, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, all of New York, New York; and Harvey S. Rosen, Burke, Rosen & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio.

**NATIONAL PARKS/HISTORIC SITES/
MEMORIALS**

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation,

and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 887, to establish in the National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, S. 991, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, S. 1695, to establish the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado, and S.J.Res. 41, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital, after receiving testimony from Senators Warner, Sarbanes, DeWine, and Moseley-Braun; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Steve Brady, Northern Cheyenne Band of Sand Creek Descendants, Lame Deer, Montana; Laird Cometsevah, Clinton, Oklahoma; David Fridtjof Halaas, Colorado Historical Society, Denver; Iantha Gantt-Wright, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; Cathy Nelson, Ohio Underground Railroad Association, Columbus; Ed Rigaud, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; Glennette Tilley Turner, Wheaton, Illinois, on behalf of the Underground Railroad Advisory Committee; and John H. Carter, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Washington D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc.

AUTHORIZATION—SUPERFUND

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee began mark up of S. 8, to revise and authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2002 for programs of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act (Superfund), but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

INDONESIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current economic and political situation in Indonesia, after receiving testimony from Aurelia E. Brazeal, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Arian Ardie, Deputy Secretary General of KIKAS (Kadin Indonesia Komite Amerika Serikat), Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jakarta, Indonesia; and Walter B. Lohman, U.S.-ASEAN Business Council, Edward E. Masters, U.S.-Indonesia Society, and Adam Schwarz, Council on Foreign Relations, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ivan L.R. Lemelle, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern Dis-

trict of Louisiana, A. Howard Matz, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and George Caram Steeh III and Arthur J. Tarnow, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Lemelle was introduced by Senators Breaux and Landrieu, Mr. Matz was introduced by Senator Boxer, and Messrs. Steeh and Tarnow were introduced by Senator Levin.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to promote quality and fairness in employment-based group health plans and to improve consumer protections and the quality of health care in the employment-based system, including S. 1712, S. 644, S. 373, S. 353, S. 449, and S. 346, after receiving testimony from Senator Lieberman; Margaret A. Hamburg, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Meredith Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; Colorado Commissioner of Insurance Jack Ehnes, Denver, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Beau Carter, Integrated Healthcare Association, Pleasanton, California; Joanne L. Husted, National Partnership for Women and Families, Washington, D.C.; Mark S. Waskow, Waskow Group, Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Thomas R. Reardon, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Joe Laymon, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; and Staci J. Froelich, Tacoma Park, Maryland.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1021, to provide that a veterans' preference eligible (PE) or an individual who has been separated from military service under honorable conditions after three or more years of active duty shall not be denied the opportunity to compete for a vacant position within a Federal agency, either in the competitive or excepted service, after receiving testimony from Senator Cleland; Representative Mica; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Mary Lou Lindholm, Associate Director for Employment, Office of Personnel Management; Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Stephen A. Moe, Manager, Selection, Evaluation, and Recognition, United States Postal Service; Kimo S. Hollingsworth, American Legion, and Sidney Daniels, Veterans of

Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; Veronica A'zera, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; Larry D. Rhea, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Al-

exandria, Virginia; and Gary D. Miles, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), and Kurt Vorndran, National Treasury Employees Union, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3530-3544; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 248-249, and H. Res. 392 were introduced. Pages H1444-45

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3211, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, amended (H. Rept. 105-458);

H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming (H. Rept. 105-459);

H. Res. 390, providing for consideration of H.R. 2589, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright (H. Rept. 105-460);

H. Res. 391, providing for consideration of H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General (H. Rept. 105-461); and

H.R. 3310, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, amended (H. Rept. 105-462 Part 1). Page H1444

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Bishop Eddie L. Long of Decatur, Georgia. Page H1385

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March 24 by a ye and nay vote of 368 yeas to 40 nays, Roll No. 64. Pages H1385, H1406-07

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H1385

National Summit on Retirement Savings: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr.

Jack Ulrich of Pennsylvania to the National Summit on Retirement Savings. Page H1385

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act: H.R. 118, amended, to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops; Pages H1387-89

Burial Eligibility In Arlington National Cemetery: H.R. 3211, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery (passed by ye and nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 65); Pages H1389-95, H1407

Enforcement of Veterans' Employment Rights: H.R. 3213, amended, 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 and to extend veterans' employment and reemployment rights to members of the uniformed services employed abroad by United States companies; Pages H1396-99

Small Business Investment Company Technical Corrections: H.R. 3412, amended, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act (passed by ye and nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 66. Pages H1399-H1400, H1408

Land Conveyance in Virginia: H.R. 3226, A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements in the State of Virginia; and Pages H1400-02

Aviation Medical Assistance Act: H.R. 2843, amended, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to reevaluate the equipment in medical kits carried on, and to make a decision regarding requiring automatic external defibrillators to be carried on, aircraft operated by air carriers. Pages H1403-06

Corrections Calendar: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons by a ye and nay vote of 408

yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 67. The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:01 p.m. and reconvened at 5:02 p.m.

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Capitol Preservation Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Walsh to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1381.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1445–49.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1406, H1407, H1408, and H1408–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS; EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AND RECESSIONS APPROPRIATIONS; REVISED SUBDIVISIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following: Emergency Supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1998; and the Emergency Supplemental and Recessions appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

The Committee also approved revised 302(b) subdivisions for fiscal year 1998.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Commanding General, Corps of Engineers.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury held a hearing on the National Archives and the GSA. Testimony was heard from John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; and David J. Barram, Acting Administrator, GSA.

CRITICAL SYSTEMS—YEAR 2000 READINESS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Assessing the Year 2000 Readiness of Critical Systems at HUD, Treasury, and Federal Financial Regulatory Agencies. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Assistant to the President, Chairman, President’s Council on Year 2000 Conversion; and the following officials of the GAO: Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems.

WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Wireless Enhanced 911 Services. Testimony was heard from Representative Danner; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Real Property, Office of Government Wide Policy, GSA; Hal Daub, Mayor, City of Omaha, Nebraska; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held an oversight hearing to review the Federal Employment Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Larry B. Anderson, Manager, Safety and Workplace Assistance, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997; H.R. 3528, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998; H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; and H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997.

FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT—IMMIGRATION PROVISIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing regarding the immigration provisions of H.R. 2431, Freedom from Religious Persecution Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Paul Virtue, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of

State: Alan Kreczko, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Nancy Sambaiew, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 3381, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; California Spotted Owl Interim Protection Act of 1998; and H.R. 1021 Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; Bob Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Pat Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, State of Montana; and public witnesses.

REALTY APPRAISAL PROCESS—BLM LAND EXCHANGES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Realty Appraisal Process on BLM Land Exchanges. Testimony was heard from Pat Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VISA WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General. The rule provides that no amendment to the bill will be in order unless printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows 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. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that after passage of the House bill, it be in order to insert the House-passed language in the Senate bill number. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas.

COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the

Judiciary as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it will be considered as read. The rule provides that no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be in order unless printed in the Congressional Record. The rule waives points of order against the amendment by Mr. Sensenbrenner printed in the Congressional Record, and numbered 1 for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane amendments). The rule allows 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 Coble and Sensenbrenner.

EDUCATING CHILDREN—COMPETITIVE TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Education and the Workforce held a joint oversight hearing on Educating our Children with Technology Skills to Compete in the Next Millennium. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT; WATER RESOURCES SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2400, the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act.

The Committee also approved 4 water resources survey resolutions.

PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on patient confidentiality. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REQUIREMENTS PROCESS

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

Joint Meetings

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology on S. 314 and H.R. 716, bills to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and proposed legislation to provide a fair, competitive process for the selection of sources to perform activities of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions, after receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; former Deputy Mayor Skip Stitt, Indianapolis, Indiana; Bryan Logan, Earth Data, International, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors; Lawrence Trammell, Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Contract Services Association of America; Douglas K. Stevens, Jr., U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Robert M. Tobias, National Treasury Employees Union, and Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.; Michael B. Styles, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Steve Kelman, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CYBERCRIME

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the potential problems with cyber banking and protecting the cyber infrastructure while eliminating the potential of economic tampering and espionage, after receiving testimony from Neil J. Gallagher, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Division, Larry E. Torrence, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Division, and Michael A. Vatis, Deputy Assistant Director and Chief, National Infrastructure Protection Center, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

AGRICULTURAL REFORM ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs.

Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed March 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-163)

H.R. 3116, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, and to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration. Signed March 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-164)

S. 347, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Sam Nunn Federal Center". Signed March 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-165)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in the Persian Gulf, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings on the nomination of Arthur Levitt Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on the implementation of section 271 of the Telecommunications Act (P.L. 104-104) relating to the application process for local telephone companies desiring to provide long distance service, and on S. 1766, to permit Bell operating companies to provide interstate and intrastate telecommunications services within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, 2:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on general land exchange bills, including S. 890, S. 1109, S. 1468, S. 1469, S. 1510, S. 1683, S. 1719, S. 1752, S. 1807, H.R. 1439, and H.R. 1663, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to continue markup of S. 8, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on S. 1413, to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to resume hearings on S. 712, to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

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H.R. 595, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus

to examine the tradition and importance of protecting the United States flag, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Federal Election Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing on the effect of electric deregulation on rural areas, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the FCC, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol and the Bureau of the Census, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on the Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., and on the Indian Health Service, 1:30 p.m., 308-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Cancer Institute, 10 a.m., and on the Secretary of Education, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Task Force on Budget Process, hearing on Joint Budget Resolution (Should the Budget be a Law?), 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, to markup the following bills: H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1998; and H.R. 2691, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Reauthorization Act of 1997, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on reauthorization of the NRC, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Labor's Denial of Employment Service Funds to the States, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to markup H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on the WTO-Dispute Settlement Body, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 84, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide a procedure by which the States may propose constitutional amendments, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to continue hearings on H.R. 1524, Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1997; and to hold a hearing on H.R. 2829, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following bills: H.R. 1522, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation; H.R. 1833, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997; S. 231, National Cave and Karst Research Institute Act; H.R. 2742, California Indian Land Transfer Act; H.R. 3069, Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Act of 1997; and H.R. 3297, to suspend the continued development of a roadless area policy on public domain units and other units of the National Forest System pending adequate public participation and determinations that a roadless area policy will not adversely affect forest health, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998; H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act of 1998, 11 a.m., and to consider H.R. 3485, Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, oversight hearing on International Science, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Authorization Requests: Department of Energy, EPA Research and Development, and NOAA, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the Reauthorization of Federal Funding for Operations, Maintenance and Capital improvement for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 10:30 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to markup of FY 1999 Construction Authorization legislation, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to mark up H.R. 3433, Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Information Assurance, 4 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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 AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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10 a.m., Wednesday, March 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1768, emergency supplemental appropriations.

Senate may also resume consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday, Consideration of H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act (modified open rule, 1 hour of general debate) and

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