

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1958 and S. Res. 210. **Page S3295**

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: Senate began consideration of 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, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S3249–74**

Adopted:

Coverdell (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 2290 (to Amendment No. 2288), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3268–69, S3274**

Pending:

Mack/D'Amato Amendment No. 2288, to provide incentives for States to establish and administer periodic teacher testing and merit pay programs for elementary and secondary school teachers. **Pages S3254–56, S3267–69, S3274**

Glenn Amendment No. 2017, to delete education IRA expenditures for elementary and secondary school expenses. **Pages S3256–60**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2289, to authorize funds to provide an additional 100,000 elementary and secondary school teachers annually to the national pool of such teachers during the 10-year period beginning with 1999 through a new student loan forgiveness program. **Pages S3260–67**

Coverdell (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2291, to establish education reform projects that provide same gender schools and classrooms, as long as comparable educational opportunities are offered for students of both sexes. **Pages S3269–70**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and

amendments pending thereto, on Tuesday, April 21, 1998. **Page S3274**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed for the following treaty:

Treaty with Lithuania on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. (Treaty Doc. 105–41)

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Pages S3302–03**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 5:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3303.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Tuesday, April 21.

Committee Meetings

SSA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On April 17, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Financial Management Practices at the Social Security Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: John R. Dyer, Acting Principle Deputy Commissioner; and David C. Williams, Inspector General.

DOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On April 16, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Department of Defense Financial Management: Serious Problems Persist. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Eleanor Hill, Inspector General; and Nelson Toye, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; and Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

IRS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On April 15, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Internal Revenue Service: The Commissioner Reports to Congress. Testimony was heard from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D296)

S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995. Signed April 6, 1998. (P.L. 105-166)

S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection. Signed April 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-167)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 20 through 24, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration S. 414, Ocean Shipping Reform Act, and continue consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

During the week, Senate may also consider the conference report on H.R. 1757, State Department Reorganization, NATO Enlargement (Treaty Doc. 105-36), and any executive and legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday*, April 21, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 23, to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in the Federal food stamp program, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 21 and 23, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, *Tuesday*, for the General Accounting Office, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m.; *Thursday*, for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m.; SD-124.

April 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the use of the drug Tamoxifen for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 21 and 23, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, *Tuesday*, for foreign assistance, focusing on international crime prevention programs, 2:30 p.m.; *Thursday*, for foreign assistance programs, focusing on infectious diseases, 10:30 a.m.; *Tuesday* in SD-116 and *Thursday* in SD-192.

April 22, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Ballistic Missile Defense program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 23, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 21, closed business meeting, to mark up S. 1873, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 22, to hold hearings on the nomination of Donna Tanoue,

of Hawaii, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 21, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine the carriage of goods by sea, focusing on S. 943 and H.R. 2005, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 22, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 relating to band-width issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 22, Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to virtual manufacturing, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Transportation's guidelines for aviation competition, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 23, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to review the proposed Clean Air Act regional haze regulations, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 21, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to review priority agricultural trade issues for negotiation at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial scheduled for May 18-20, 1999 in Geneva, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

April 22, Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine child care access, affordability, and supply in the United States and the impact of welfare reform on State and Federal child care programs, focusing on S. 1577, to provide additional tax relief to families to increase the affordability of child care, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 23, Full Committee, to hear and consider the nominations of Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, and Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 22, to hold hearings on the nominations of G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, and Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

April 23, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the practice of "slamming", which is the unauthorized switching of long-distance telephone companies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 21, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold a joint briefing with the Select Committee on Intelligence in closed session to examine chemical and biological weapons threats to America, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of James K. Robinson, of Michigan, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, 11 a.m., SD-226.

April 22, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence to examine chemical and biological weapons threats to America, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

April 23, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: April 22, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce to examine proposed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

April 23, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and Environment to examine proposals to increase bone marrow donation and transplantation, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans Affairs: April 21, to hold hearings to examine ionizing radiation, veterans' health care, and related issues, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 21, to hold a joint briefing with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information in closed session to examine chemical and biological weapons threats to America, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 22, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information to examine chemical and biological weapons threats to America, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: April 22, to hold hearings to examine the role of the stock market in Social Security reform, focusing on a General Accounting Office report, "Implications of Government Stock Investing for the Trust Fund, the Federal Budget, and the Economy", 1 p.m., SD-628.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E589-91 in today's Record.

House Chamber

Monday, the House was not in session.

Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of 3 Suspensions:

- (1) H.R. Care for Police Survivors Act of 1998;
- (2) H.R. 3528, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998; and
- (3) H.R. 2691, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Reauthorization Act of 1997.

NOTE: *No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, and the balance of the week.*

Consideration of H.J. Res. 111, proposing an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Regarding Tax Limitations (Subject to a Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997 (Subject to a Rule);

Consideration of H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act (Subject to a Rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 3164, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (Subject to a Rule).

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Inspector General Panel—Year 2000 Problem; Year 2000 Management Panel, 10 a.m., and on Railroad Retirement Board; and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 21 and 22. Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 1 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, on SSA, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting and National Education Goals Panel, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on International Organizations and Peacekeeping, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Corporation for National and Community Service and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 10 a.m., and on the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and the National Council on Disability, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional witnesses, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, April 21, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing to review the Operations of the International Monetary Fund, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 23, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, April 23, Task Force on Budget Process, hearing on Budgeting for Federal Insurance Programs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, April 22, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3532, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999; H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project No. 9248 in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the implementation of the Reformulated Gas-

oline Program in California, focusing on H.R. 630, to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Digital High Definition Television: Coming Soon to a Home Theater Near You, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 24, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General's Audit of the Health Care Financing Administration's Fiscal Year 1997 Financial Statements, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 21, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Issues under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, and the Effect of the Fair Labor Standards Act on Amish Families, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the American Worker Project: Emerging Trends in the High-Tech Workplace, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, April 21, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Inspector General Act of 1978: Twenty Years After Passage, Are The Inspectors General Fulfilling Their Mission?, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Clinger-Cohen Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "Combating Terrorism: The Proliferation of Agencies' Efforts," 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 23, to markup H. Con. Res. 220, regarding American victims of terrorism, 10 a.m., H-139 Capitol.

April 23, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on Japan's Role in the Asian Financial Crisis, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 21, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on Immigration and America's Workforce for the 21st Century, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to markup H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the

United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 3494, Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 23, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to markup H.R. 3445, Oceans Act of 1998, 1:30 p.m., and to hold an oversight hearing on the ongoing destruction of the Arctic tundra by lesser snow geese, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 3467, California Spotted Owl Interim Protection Act of 1998; H.R. 1021, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997; and H.R. 3381, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3625, San Rafael Swell Heritage and Conservation Act, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 21, to consider H.J. Res. 111, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

April 22, to consider the following: H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1998; H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act; and H.R. 3164, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, April 22, oversight hearing on the Irreplaceable Federal Role in Funding Basic Scientific Research, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Basic Research, oversight hearing on National Science Foundation Fiscal Year Budget Authorization, 2 p.m., Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 22, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing regarding the Small Business Innovation Research Program, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 22, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Surface Transpor-

tation Board Reauthorization: State of the Railroad Industry, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 22, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the impact of recent alliances, international agreements, DOT actions, and pending legislation on air fares, air service, and competition in the airline industry, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the research and treatment of war-related illnesses; and to review the VA's sexual trauma counseling program, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 21, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) fraud and abuse, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 22, full Committee, to markup the following bills; H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1997; and H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Patient Appeals in Health Care, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 23, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on oversight of current tax law related to health insurance, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 23, executive, hearing on Future Imagery Architecture, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

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Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21

Senate Chamber

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