

Thursday, April 23, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3469–S3559

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1971–1981, S.J. Res. 45, S. Con. Res. 90, and S. Res. 215.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1360, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, to enhance land border control and enforcement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1504, to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 102), Senate passed 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, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 96), Kempthorne Modified Amendment No. 2302 (to Amendment No. 2301), to provide for student improvement incentive awards. (By unanimous-consent, the amendment, as further modified, was considered as an amendment in the first degree.)

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Coverdell (for McCain) Amendment No. 2298, to provide for a study of multilingualism in the United States.

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Coverdell (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2307, to amend the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to promote school safety.

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Levin/Bingaman Amendment No. 2299, to replace the expansion of education individual retirement accounts to elementary and secondary school expenses with an increase in the lifetime learning education credit for expenses of teachers in improving technology training, as amended.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Coverdell Amendment No. 2309, to make grants available to early childhood reading, to improve reading skills of students, to expand high-quality family literacy programs, and reduce the number of children who are referred to special education due to reading difficulties.

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By 74 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 101), Bingaman Amendment No. 2308, to provide assistance to address school dropout problems.

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Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 95), Coats Amendment No. 2297, to provide an additional incentive to donate to elementary and secondary schools or other organizations which provide scholarships to disadvantaged children.

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By 34 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 97), Landrieu Amendment No. 2301, to provide funding to carry out a program that recognizes public and private elementary and secondary schools that have established standards of excellence.

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Levin Amendment No. 2303 (to Amendment No. 2299, as amended), to replace the expansion of education individual retirement accounts to elementary and secondary school expenses with an increase in the lifetime learning education credit for expenses of teachers in improving technology training. (By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 100), Boxer Amendment No. 2306, to improve academic and social outcomes for students by providing productive activities during after school hours.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 98), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Dodd Amendment No. 2305, to provide funding for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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Northern Ireland Peace Agreement: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No.103), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 90, to express the sense of the Congress in congratulating the participants in the negotiations resulting in the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement.

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Request of the House: Senate agreed to S. Res. 215, directing the Secretary of the Senate to request the House of Representatives to return the official papers on S. 414, and to make a technical correction in the Act as passed by the Senate.

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State Department Reorganization Conference Report-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements, on Friday, April 24, 1998, with a vote on the conference report to occur on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 2:25 p.m.

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NATO Enlargement Treaty-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of Treaty Doc. 105–36, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, on Monday, April 27, 1998.

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Appointment:

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro

tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 208 of the 105th Congress, appointed the following Senators to the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Senators Dodd, Moynihan, and Bingaman.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

Robert A. Freedberg, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Thomas N. O'Neill, Jr., retired.

David R. Herndon, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois vice William L. Beatty, retired.

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—103) Pages S3470–73, S3479, S3493–94, S3528–29

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, April 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3559.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the incidence of fraud and abuse in the Food Stamp Program, focusing on proposed legislation to strengthen current laws to make it illegal for prisoners and fleeing felons to collect food stamps by requiring States to conduct criminal background checks on anyone applying for food stamps, and Federal efforts to ensure the integrity of the Food Stamp Program, after receiving testimony from Representative Menendez; Yvette S. Jackson, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert A.

Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Chris Hamilton, Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Harold S. Beebout, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance, focusing on a multi-year United States strategy to combat infectious diseases in developing countries, receiving testimony from James M. Hughes, Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Nils M.P. Daulaire, Senior Health Advisor, Population, Health and Nutrition Bureau for Programs and Policy, U.S. Agency for International Development; David L. Heymann, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; and Gail H. Cassell, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of Eli Lilly and Company.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 28.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 30.

AVIATION COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to examine the Department of Transportation's policy regarding unfair exclusionary conduct in the aviation industry and the competitive implications of consolidation among United States airlines, after receiving testimony from Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Richard B. Hirst,

Northwest Airlines, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota; Alfred Kahn, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Mark Kahan, Spirit Airlines, Eastpointe, Michigan; and Steven A. Morrison, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held 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, receiving testimony from Idaho State Senator Judi Danielson, Council; Washington State Senator Robert Morton, Colville; Cindy Bowen, Montrose County, Colorado, and Louise Liston, Garfield County, Utah, both on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Sue Kupillas, Jackson County, Oregon; and Steve McClure, Union County, Oregon.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CLEAN AIR REGULATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule to improve visibility and reduce regional haze in national parks and wilderness areas, after receiving testimony from John S. Seitz, Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Christine L. Shaver, Chief of the Air Resources Division, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association; Randolph Wood, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Lincoln; Kenneth A. Colburn, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord; and Lynn M. Terry, California Environmental Protection Agency, Sacramento.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Askey was introduced by Representative Archer, Ms. Hillman was introduced by Senator Lugar, Mr. Koplan was introduced by Representative Rangel, and Mr. Mulloy was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Sarbanes.

TELEPHONE SLAMMING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine issues relating to telephone slamming which is the unauthorized switching of a consumer's long-distance service, including S. 1740, to improve the protections against the unauthorized change of subscribers from one telecommunications carrier to another, which entities are most responsible for intentional slamming incidents, and the technique used to deceive consumers, after receiving testimony from Eljay B. Bowron, Assistant Comptroller General for Special Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office; and William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of James K. Robinson, of Michigan, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, and Wilma A. Lewis, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, all of the Department of Justice;

S. 1504, to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in

the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1360, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, and to enhance land border control and enforcement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began markup of the proposed Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, April 30.

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence to examine Federal efforts in dealing with chemical and biological weapons threats to America, and the implementation of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (P.L. 104-132), after receiving testimony from Donald C. Latham, Member, Defense Science Board; Christine M. Gosden, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, United Kingdom; and Richard Preston, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3715-3732 were introduced. **Pages H2317-18**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 3546, to provide for a national dialogue on Social Security and to establish the Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform. Amended (H. Rept. 105-493). **Page H2317**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2239**

Judicial Reform Act of 1998: The House passed H.R. 1252, to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters. **Pages H2243-86**

Agreed to the Manzullo unanimous consent request to strike section 5, Limitation on Court-imposed Taxes, from the bill. **Pages H2284-85**

Agreed To:

The Coble amendment that extends the judiciary information technology fund; provides for retaining offsetting receipts; enhances the membership in cir-

cuit judicial councils; sunsets civil justice expense and delay reduction plans; and establishes certifying officers in the judiciary branch; **Pages H2256-57**

The Delahunt amendment to section 5 that applies the limitation on court-imposed taxes only to any order or settlement which expressly directs any State, or political subdivisions of a State, to impose, increase, levy, or assess any tax (agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 103. Subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to strike section 5 from the bill); **Pages H2257-62**

The Campbell amendment to section 5 that limits court imposed taxes that contribute to or exacerbate the deprivation intended to be remedied including the effect on property values (subsequently, agreed by unanimous consent to strike section 5 from the bill); **Page H2262**

The Rogan amendment that strikes section 6, that establishes the right to bring a motion to reassign a case; **Pages H2262-63**

The Nadler amendment that provides for a witness' voice and face to be disguised or otherwise obscured during the broadcast coverage of an appellate court proceeding; **Pages H2267-68**

The DeLay amendment that prohibits a court to carry out any felony prisoner release order on the basis of prison conditions and terminates existing consent decrees that provide for remedies relating to prison conditions (agreed to by a recorded vote of 367 ayes to 52 noes, Roll No. 105); **Pages H2272-78**

Rejected:

The Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to limit protective orders and sealing of cases and settlements relating to public health or safety (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 104);

Pages H2263-66

The Lofgren amendment that sought to establish parent-child testimonial privileges in Federal, civil, and criminal proceedings specifying that a witness may not be compelled to testify against a child or parent of the witness (rejected by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 106);

Pages H2268-72, H2278

The Skaggs amendment that sought to require that a settlement to which the United States is a party shall not be sealed unless the court determines that there is a compelling public interest in limiting such availability;

Pages H2282-83

The Conyers amendment that sought to establish process service jurisdiction and compliance with rules of discovery for defendants located outside the United States (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 107); and

Pages H2279-81, H2283-84

The Aderholt amendment to section 5 that sought to apply the limitation on court-imposed taxes only to any order or settlement which expressly directs any State, or political subdivision of a State, to impose, increase, levy, or assess any tax or disburse any funds to remedy the deprivation of a right under the Constitution (rejected by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 108).

Pages H2281-82

The Coburn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to establish a limitation on racketeering specifying that the defendant must have committed a criminal offense.

Pages H2285-86

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending the bill.

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H. Res. 408, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H2242-43

Conference on Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Livingston, Representatives McDade, Young of Florida, Regula, Lewis of California, Porter, Rogers, Skeen, Wolf, Kolbe, Packard, Callahan, Walsh, Obey, Yates, Stokes, Murtha, Sabo, Fazio, Hoyer, Kaptur, and Pelosi. **Pages H2286-96**

By a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 109, rejected the Obey motion to instruct conferees to agree to funding for the International Monetary Fund consistent with the terms, conditions, and provisions of H.R. 3114, International Monetary Fund Reform and Authorization Act of 1998, as reported by the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Pages H2286-96**

Conference on Child Performance and Incentive Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, and requested a conference. Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Archer and Representatives Shaw, Camp, Rangel, and Levin. As additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of section 401 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Goodling and Representatives Fawell and Payne. **Page H2296**

BESTEIA Conference Appointment: As additional conferees from the Committee on Science, for consideration of section 312(d) and Title VI of the House bill and sections 1119, 1206, and Title II of the Senate bill and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Morella and Brown of California. **Pages H2296-97**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of April 27. **Page H2297**

Meeting Hour—Monday, April 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 27. **Page H2297**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, April 28: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to

meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 29.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2262, H2265–66, H2277–78, H2278, H2283–84, H2284, and H2296. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on International Organizations and Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Bill Richardson, U.S. Representative to the United Nations; and Princeton Lyman, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Corporation for National and Community Service, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and the National Council on Disability. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National Service; the following officials of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service: John Calhoun Wells, Director; C. Richard Barnes, Deputy Director, Field Operations; Vella M. Traynham, Deputy Director, National Office Operations; and Frances L. Leonard, Director, Budget and Finance Office; Richard H. Solomon, President, United States Institute of Peace; Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and Marca Bristo, Chairperson, National Council on Disability.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fazio, Emerson and Christian-Green; Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Donald A. Dowdell, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Insurance, State of Florida; David Knowles, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of California; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS BUDGETING

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Budget Process held a hearing on Budgeting for Federal Insurance Programs. Testimony was heard from Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, GAO; Marvin Phaup, Deputy Assistant Director, Special Studies, CBO; and Rudolph G. Penner, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute.

DIGITAL HIGH DEFINITION TV

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Digital High Definition Television: Coming Soon to a Home Theater Near You. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the American Worker Project: Emerging Trends in the High-Tech Workplace. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Failed to obtain two-thirds Committee majority to grant immunity to four individuals regarding campaign fundraising investigation.

KUOTO PROTOCOL

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "The Kuoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" Testimony was heard from Senator Hagel; Representatives Calvert, Knollenberg, Wise, and McCarthy of Missouri; Edward Montgomery, Chief Economist, Department of Labor; Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; David Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, EPA; William A. Walaska, Senator, State of Rhode Island; Tom Alley,

Representative, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on "Combating Terrorism: The Proliferation of Agencies' Efforts." Testimony was heard from Representative Skelton; the following officials of the GAO: Richard Davis, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division; and Davi D'Agostino, Assistant Director, National Security Analysis Division; and Larry C. Johnson, former Deputy Director, Office of Counter Terrorism, Department of State.

AMERICANS VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 220, amended, regarding American victims of terrorism.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS—JAPAN'S ROLE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Japan's Role in the Asian Financial Crisis. Testimony was heard from James Glassman, Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Bob Grondine, Governor, American Chamber of Commerce, Japan; Peter S. Walters, Group Vice President, Guardian Industries Corporation; and Richard Katz, Contributing Editor, *The Oriental Economist Report*.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998.

CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders. Testimony was heard from Representative Andrews; and public witnesses.

OCEANS ACT; OVERSIGHT—ARCTIC SNOW GEESE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3445, Oceans Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Arctic Snow Geese: Is the Arctic Ecosystem in Peril? Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunter and Cunningham; Paul Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2886, amended, 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.

SAN RAFAEL SWELL HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3625, San Rafael Swell Heritage and Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Bennett; Representative Cannon; Pat Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the State of Utah: Michael Leavitt, Governor; and Mike Dmitrich, member, Senate; and public witnesses.

AVIATION MATTERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Quinn, Walsh, Wolf, Ganske, Moran of Virginia, Slaughter, Manton, Jackson of Illinois and Norton; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Nancy McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 30.

VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the research and treatment of war-related illnesses; and to review the VA's sexual trauma counseling program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Capt. Craig Hyams, M.D., USN, Infectious Diseases Department, Naval Medical Research Institute, Department of the Navy; and Gary Christopherson, Acting Principal Deputy Secretary,

Health Affairs; Richard Miller, M.D., Director, Medical Follow-Up Agency, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Stephen Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

HEALTH CARE—PATIENT APPEALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Patient Appeals in Health Care. Testimony was heard from Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance, OPM; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TAX LAW-HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on oversight of current tax law related to health insurance. Testimony was heard from George M. Reider, Jr., Commissioner, Insurance Department, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources' Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and Environment on H.R. 2202, authorizing funds for the National Marrow Donor Program, after receiving testimony from Representative Bill Young; Claude Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Re-

sources and Services Administration, and Claude Lenfant, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Adm. E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.), Arlington, Virginia, and Craig W.S. Howe, Minneapolis, Minnesota, both on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program; Edward L. Snyder, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Association of Blood Banks; Clive O. Callender, National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, and Robert Wedge, both of Washington, D.C.; and Angel Hernandez, Silver Spring, Maryland.

ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Conferees on Wednesday, April 22, met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Friday, April 24.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1998

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, 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.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Conferees, on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 10 a.m., S-05, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, April 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, April 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will consider the Conference Report on H.R. 1757, State Department Reorganization.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No Legislative Business.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

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