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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to State Department Reorganization Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3665–S3738

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1993–1999. **Page S3709**

Treaty Considered: Senate continued consideration of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, with a resolution of ratification containing seven declarations and four conditions, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S3667–78, S3680, S3686–S3708**

Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 107), Kyl Modified Amendment No. 2310, to establish principles of policy of the United States toward the Strategic Concept of NATO. **Pages S3667, S3680, S3687–88, S3695–98**

Rejected:

By 24 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 106), Harkin Amendment No. 2312, to limit future U.S. subsidies of the national expenses incurred by Poland, Hungary, or the Czech Republic in meeting NATO commitments. **Pages S3667–78, S3686–87**

Pending:

Smith (New Hampshire)/Hutchison Amendment No. 2314, to express a condition requiring full cooperation from Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic with United States efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured and missing United States personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents. **Pages S3688–95, S3698–S3708**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Treaty and the amendment pending thereto, on Wednesday, April 29, 1998. **Page S3737**

State Department Reorganization Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 105), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and relat-

ed 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. **Pages S3680–86**

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of March 27, 1998, the Chair appointed conferees on the part of the Senate 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, as follows: Senators Roth, Mack, Coats, Gorton, Coverdell, Moynihan, Moseley-Braun, Kennedy, and Bingaman. **Page S3736**

Appointments:

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican 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 Kyl, Smith (of Oregon), and Collins, and as ex-officio members by virtue of their positions on the Committee on Appropriations: Senators Stevens and Byrd. **Page S3736**

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

Treaty with Brazil on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters. (Treaty Doc. 105–42)

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. **Page S3737**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Togo Dennis West, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

E. William Crotty, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Barbados, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the State of Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Mexico.

John O'Leary, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Arthur Louis Schechter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—107)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 11:45 a.m., on Wednesday, April 29, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3737–38.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

JAPAN'S ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current state of the Japanese economy and banking system and their implications for the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Tadashi Nakamae, Nakamae International Economic Research, Tokyo, Japan; John H. Makin, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and David Malpass, Bear Stearns, New York, New York.

YEAR 2000 COMPUTER CONVERSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the potential impact of the Year 2000 computer conversion problem on the U.S. and world economies, and to review efforts to address potential problems, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; Edward W. Kelley, Jr., Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Robert L. Mallett, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and Richard A. Grasso, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL R&D FUNDING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the state of Federal research and development (R&D) funding in the United States, focusing on America's future role in the dominance of science and technology, after receiving testimony from Senators Bingaman, Gramm, and Lieberman; Kerri-Ann Jones, Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Judith Rodin, Member, President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology, and University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Dan Peterson, DAP and Associates, Winter Park, Florida; and Albert H. Teich, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C.

MINING LAW REFORM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held hearings on S. 326, to provide for the reclamation of abandoned hardrock mines, S. 327, to ensure that Federal taxpayers receive a fair return for the extraction of locatable minerals on public domain lands, and S. 1102, to provide a reasonable royalty from mineral activities on Federal lands, and to create a State program for the reclamation of abandoned hardrock mining sites on Federal lands, receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Bryan; Nevada Governor, Bob Miller, Carson City; Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Douglas C. Yearley, Phelps Dodge Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the National Mining Association; Stephen D'Esposito, Mineral Policy Center, and Jill Lancelot, Taxpayers for Common Sense, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen D. Alfors, Alfors and Carver, Denver, Colorado; Steven C. Borell, Alaska Miners Association, Inc., Anchorage; Stephen A. Orr, Homestake Mining Company, San Francisco, California; and Roger Flynn, Western Mining Action Project, Boulder, Colorado.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IRS

Committee on Finance: Committee held oversight hearings on the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, focusing on ethics and allegations of abuses and improper conduct by high-level agency officials, receiving testimony from Harry G. Patsalides, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, and Yvonne D. Desjardins, Chief, Employee and Labor Relations Section, Personnel Branch, both of the Department of the Treasury; Ray Cody Mayo, Jr., Louisiana Assistant District Attorney, Shreveport; Robert Edwin Davis, Dallas, Texas, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; J. Earl Epstein, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Philip A. MacNaughton, Houston, Texas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 44, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, after receiving testimony from Raymond C. Fisher, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Paul G. Cassell, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Kathleen Krenek, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Madison; Robert P. Mosteller, Duke University Law School, Durham, North Carolina; Marlene A. Young, Washington, D.C., and Norman S. Early, Jr., Denver, Colorado, both on behalf of the National Organization for Victim Assistance; and Steven J. Twist, VIAD Corporation, Scottsdale, Arizona, and former Chief Assistant Attorney General of Arizona, on behalf of the National Victims' Constitutional Amendment Network.

READING AND LITERACY INITIATIVES

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposals to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families, focusing on S. 1596 and H.R. 2614, bills to provide for reading excellence by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-

quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, and to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, after receiving testimony from G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet R. Arnowitz, Fairfax County Public Schools, both of Bethesda, Maryland; Blanche Podhajski, Stern Center for Language and Learning, Williston, Vermont; Catherine E. Snow, Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Perri Klass, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts; Charles I. Bunting, Vermont State College, Waterbury; Peggy Minnis and Raynice Brumfield, both of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, D.C.; Noel C.R. Gunther, WETA Learning Project, Arlington, Virginia; and Dawnna Lanctot, Danville, Vermont.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE TOOLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine environmental compliance assistance for small businesses provided by the Environmental Protection Agency under Federal laws and initiatives, environmental self-audits, and State audit privilege and qualified disclosure laws, receiving testimony from Montana State Representative Scott J. Orr, Helena, on behalf of the American Legislative Exchange Council; Benjamin Y. Cooper, Printing Industries of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Elizabeth Glass Geltman, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; James L. King, New York Small Business Development Center, Albany, on behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers; and David S. Marsh, Marsh Plating Corporation, Ypsilanti, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Metal Finishers, the Metal Finishing Suppliers' Association, and the American Electroplating and Surface Finishing Society.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3734–3742; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116 and H. Con. Res. 261–264, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2807, A bill to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as

containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger, amended (H. Rept. 105-495);

S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico (H. Rept. 105-496);

H. Res. 409, providing for consideration of H.R. 3717 to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs (H. Rept. 105-497); and

H. Res. 410, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 105-498); and

H. Res. 411, providing for consideration of H.R. 6 to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 105-499).

Pages H2422-23

Recess: The House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act: H.R. 2807, amended, to amend the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 to prohibit the sale, importation, and exportation of products labeled as containing substances derived from rhinoceros or tiger;

Pages H2348-51

Fiftieth Anniversary of Sri Lanka: H. Res. 350, congratulating the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their nation's independence;

Pages H2351-54

Cease Fire in Afghanistan: H. Con. Res. 218, amended, concerning the urgent need to establish a cease fire in Afghanistan and begin the transition toward a broad-based multiethnic government that observes international norms of behavior (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 391 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 110);

Pages H2354-56, H2372-73

Little League Baseball: S. Con. Res. 37 expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations (passed by a recorded vote of 398 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 111)—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H2356-57, H2373-74

Violence in Algeria: H. Res. 374, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the ongoing violence in Algeria;

Pages H2357-59

OAS and Transition of Nicaragua into a Democracy: H. Con. Res. 222, expressing the sense of Congress, congratulating the former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS-CIAV) for successfully aiding in the transition of Nicaragua from a war-ridden state into a newly formed democracy and providing continued support through the recently created Technical Cooperation Mission (OAS-TCM) which is responsible for helping to stabilize Nicaraguan democracy by supplementing institution building;

Pages H2359-61

Guyana's Multiparty Elections: H. Con. Res. 215, amended, congratulating the people of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for holding multiparty elections; and

Pages H2361-62

Fiftieth Anniversary of the State of Israel: H.J. Res. 102, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel (passed by a yea and nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 112).

Pages H2362-71, H2373-74

Recess: The House recessed at 4:30 and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2424-39.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2372-73, H2373-74, and H2374. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, the National Mediation Board, the National Commission on Libraries, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; Ernest W. DuBester, Chairman, National Mediation Board; Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; and David F. Lacy, CEO/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on European Monetary Union. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNDERSTANDING VIOLENT CHILDREN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Understanding Violent Children. Testimony was heard from Rodney Hammond, M.D., Director, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Impact of Federal Workplace Agencies, Programs, and Laws on the American Worker. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEHB PROGRAM—COMPLEMENT TO MILITARY HEALTH CARE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on the FEHB Program as a Complement to Military Health Care. Testimony was heard from Representatives Stearns, Moran of Virginia, Thornberry and Watts of Oklahoma; Gary A. Christopherson, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES PURSUED UNDER FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on health care initiatives pursued under the False Claims Act that impact hospitals. Testimony was heard from Donald K. Stern, U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and Chair, Attorney General's Advisory Committee, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Lewis Morris, Assistant Inspector General, Legal Affairs; and Robert A. Berenson, Director, Center for Health Care Plans and Providers Administration, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 1865, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1997; H.R. 3186, Rogue River National Forest Interchange Act

of 1998; H.R. 3187, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to exempt not-for-profit entities that hold rights-of-way on public lands from certain strict liability requirements imposed in connection with such rights-of-way; H.R. 3520, to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington; and a measure to permit the Forest Service to sell their office in Medford, OR in order to fund an add-on to the Bureau of Land Management Medford District Office so they can co-locate. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skaggs and Hastings of Washington; Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and a public witness.

BATTLE OF MIDWAY NATIONAL MEMORIAL STUDY ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a joint hearing on H.R. 2800, Battle of Midway National Memorial Study Act. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CERTAIN LAND

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3220, to authorize the use of certain land in Merced County, California, for an elementary school. Testimony was heard from Destry T. Jarvis, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered by title and that each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that before consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed

in part 2 of the report of the Committee on Rules, if offered by Representative Goodling or his designee. The rule provides that the amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for twenty minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against that amendment. The rule provides that if that amendment is adopted, the provisions of the amendment in the nature of a substitute as then perfected shall be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment. The rule provides that no other amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes 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 McKeon, Clay, Kildee, and Fattah.

FEDERAL FUNDS PROHIBITION— DISTRIBUTION OF NEEDLES FOR INJECTION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 3717, to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs, equally divided and controlled by Representative Wicker and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastert and Wicker.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 3 hours of debate on H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998. The rule provides for consideration of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee, which shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Stenholm.

OVERSIGHT—TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO FREE TRADE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on International Standards: Technical Barriers to Free Trade. Testimony was heard from Ray Kramer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT— PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and John H. Parcell, Associate Tax Legislative Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

CHINESE ACCESS TO MILITARY TECHNOLOGY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine potential threats of exporting dual use and military technology to China, and to review a General Accounting Office report on the effectiveness of Tianemen sanctions restricting technology transfer, after receiving testimony from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Harold Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Group, General Accounting Office; and Peter Leitner, Arlington, Virginia.

ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Conferees continued 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 Thursday, April 30.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees met on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D389)

H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain

lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District. Signed April 24, 1998. (P.L. 105-169)

H.R. 2843, 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. Signed April 24, 1998. (P.L. 105-170)

H.R. 3226, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements in the State of Virginia. Signed April 24, 1998. (P.L. 105-171)

S. 493, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices. Signed April 24, 1998. (P.L. 105-172)

S. 1178, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program. Signed April 27, 1998. (P.L. 105-173)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1260, to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law by setting national standards for stocks that are traded on the national markets, and S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and the consider 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 Finance, to continue oversight hearings to examine the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for the blackmarket to raise tobacco prices, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation relating to assistive technology, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, closed business meeting, on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, on the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on Bank Mergers, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to consider the following: 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; H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project; and H.R. 1778, Defense Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Teamsters Investigation, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on pending OSHA legislation, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index (Part II), 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Annual Drug Certification, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Trade in the Americas: Beyond the Santiago, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 3303, Department of Justice Appropriation Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine, to consider recommendations to the committee on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 4 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to consider recommendations to the Committee on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to markup H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following: H.R. 588, National Discovery Trails Act; H.R. 1021, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997; H.R. 2556, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act; H.R. 2795, Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1997; H.R. 2863, Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act; and H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; and a Committee Report on Mining Regulations promulgated by the Bureau of Land Management, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997; and S. 1502, District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation,

hearing on the Effect of the Passenger Services Act on the Domestic Cruise Industry, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Federal Railroad Administration Reauthorization: Human Factors Issues, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, oversight hearing on operations within the National Cemetery System, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to mark up H.R. 3694, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 2 p.m., H-405.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9 a.m., S-5, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of Treaty Doc. 105-36, NATO Enlargement Treaty.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 29

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3717—To Prohibit the Expenditure of Federal Funds for the Distribution of Needles or Syringes for the Hypodermic Injection of Illegal Drugs (Closed Rule, Two Hours Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3546—National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998 (Modified Closed Rule, Three Hours Debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 6—Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Modified Open Rule, One Hour Debate).

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