

Friday, May 8, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4555–S4602

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2054–2056, and S. Res. 226. Page S4558

Measures Passed:

International Whaling: Senate agreed to S. Res. 226, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the policy of the United States at the 50th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission. Pages S4600–01

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 265, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Page S4601

National Science Foundation Authorizations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1046, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation. Page S4601

Religious Liberty and Charitable Donations Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1244, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions. Page S4601

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S4558

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:21 a.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4601.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, May 11.

Committee Meetings

DECIMAL PRICING—INDUSTRY IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Industry Implementation of Decimal Pricing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Thomas J. McCool, Director and Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, both with the Financial

Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division; and Keith Rhodes, Technical Director, Accounting and Information Management Division.

MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Commerce on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Mammography Quality Standards Act. Testimony was heard from D. Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Marsha Lillie-Blanton, Associate Director, Health Services, Quality, and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Determining the Appropriateness of Rulemaking at the U.S. Department of Labor—Regulatory Strategies Outside the Scope of the Administrative Procedure Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: John Fraser, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division; and Charles Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DC POLICE DEPARTMENT-FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Oversight and Federal Law Enforcement Assistance. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Ramsey, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department; Stephen Harlan, Vice-Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Peter F. Gruden, Special Agent, District of Columbia, DEA; and John Barrett, Special Agent, Criminal Division, Washington Field Office, FBI; Peter J. Dowling, Special Agent, Washington Field Office, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Gary Abrccht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

Joint Meetings**EMPLOYMENT-UNEMPLOYMENT**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April, receiving testimony from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 11 through 16, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider the conference report on S. 1150, Agriculture Research, Extension, and Reauthorization Act, and may begin consideration of S. 1873, Missile Defense Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate may conclude consideration of the conference report on S. 1150, Agriculture Research, Extension, and Reauthorization Act, and consider S. 1244, regarding charitable contributions.

During the week, Senate may also consider S. 1046, National Science Foundation Authorizations,

and any executive and legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 12, 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: May 14, to hold hearings on the Department of Agriculture's Year 2000 compliance, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: May 11 and 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, Monday at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense BRAC environmental programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 14, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Gang Resistance, Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the Employee Retirement Income Security Act's (ERISA) preemption, focusing on remedies for denied or delayed health claims, 12:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 13, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communication Commission's oversight of the Wireless Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 13, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on titles IX and X of S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, and S. 1614, to require a permit for the making of motion picture, television program, or other forms of commercial visual depiction in a unit of the National Park System or National Wildlife Refuge System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 12, to hold hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide, to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide, to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Montreal Protocol No. 4 to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International

Carriage by Air (Ex. B, 95th Cong., 1st Sess.), the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Treaty Doc. 104-17), the Grains Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention (Treaty Doc. 105-4), the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (Treaty Doc. 104-36), and the Trademark Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-35), 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 13, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the economic and political situation in India, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the United States interest at the June 1998 U.S.-China Summit, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 14, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Iran, 1:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 13, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on S. 1710, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, 2 p.m., SD-342.

May 14, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the safety of food imports, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 12, to hold hearings to examine the consequences of raising tobacco prices, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine whether tobacco legislation is constitutional, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 14, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: May 13, business meeting, to consider H.R. 2614, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families 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, and pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business: May 14, to hold hearings on the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 12, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to revise the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, focusing on lands into trust for purposes of gaming, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

House Chamber

On *Wednesday*, May 13th, former members of Congress will be received in the House Chamber. Further program for the week will be announced later.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 12, hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade-Asia and the Pacific, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 13, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research and the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, joint oversight hearing on EPA activities related to concentrated animal feeding operations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 14, hearing on Nazi Gold, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, May 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Management Problems with the Department of Energy's Hanford Spent Nuclear Fuel Project, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Electronic Commerce: New Methods for Making Electronic Purchases, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on China Trade Policy, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 13, hearing on First Things First: Review of the Federal Government's Commitment to Funding Special Education, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2869, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to exempt safety and health assessments, audits, and reviews conducted by or for an employer from enforcement action under such Act; H.R. 2873, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 2661, Sound Scientific Practices Act; and H.R. 3725, Postal Service Health and Safety Promotion Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, May 11, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 2635, Human Rights Information Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, oversight hearing on Creating an Office of Federal Management, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 13, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: Tumor Data, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 13, hearing on the Kyoto Protocol: Problems with U.S. Sovereignty and the Lack of Developing Country Participation, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, to mark up the following: H. Con. Res. 254, calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba; and a resolution concerning

the Murder of Bishop Juan Gerardi of Guatemala, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to markup the following resolutions: H. Res. 392, relating to the importance of Japanese-American relations and the urgent need for Japan to more effectively address its economic and financial problems and open its markets by eliminating informal barriers to trade and investment, thereby making a more effective contribution to leading the Asian region out of its current financial crisis, insuring against a global recession, and reinforcing regional stability and security; and H. Res. 404, commemorating 100 years of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines; to be followed by a hearing on The Direction of U.S.-Taiwan Relations, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 12 and 13, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 3736, Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998, 2 p.m., on May 12 and 10 a.m., May 13, 2141 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on Congressional Recognition for Acts of Exceptional Valor by Public Safety Officers, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 12, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3109, Thomas Cole National Site Act; and H.R. 1390, to authorize the Government of India to establish a memorial to honor Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 12, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on CALFED, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 13, full Committee, oversight hearing on the National Forest Foundation, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 14, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2760, Disabled Sportsmen's Access Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 14, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Health in the Rocky Mountain West, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 12, to consider the following: H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998; and H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1998 (rule only), 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

May 13, to consider H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 13, to mark up the following: H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997; H.R. 3007, Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development Act; H.R. 3332, Next Generation Internet Research Act of 1998; and the Anti-Duplicative Regulations Act (Amendments to Fastener Quality Legislation); and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 14, oversight hearing on Communicating Science and Engineering in a Sound-Bite World, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint oversight hearing on Millennium Short Circuit: The Y2K Effect on Energy Utilities, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 14, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on how to best obtain drug-free work places, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 12, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Land Between the Lakes Legislation and Small Watershed Projects, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: Rates, Access and Remedies, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Status of Aviation Security efforts with a focus on the National Safe Skies Alliance and Passenger Profiling Criteria, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 14, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the GAO report of the Inspector General investigation of an alleged cover-up of deaths at the Columbia, Missouri VA Medical Center in 1992, and an examination of VA's Development of a quality assurance/risk management reporting system, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 12, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the Veterans Medicare Access Improvement Act of 1998, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 12, Subcommittee on Trade, to markup the following bills; H.R. 3644, to amend the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 to provide for the use of customs user fees for additional preclearance activities of the Customs Services; and H.R. 3809, Drug Free Borders Act of 1998, 4:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 14, full Committee, to mark up the following: Veterans Medicare Access Improvement Act of 1998; and H.R. 3809, Drug Free Borders Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: May 13, to hold an open briefing on democratic development in Croatia, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, May 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: At the recognition of one Senator for a speech and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2:30 p.m.), Senate will consider the conference report on S. 1150, Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reauthorization Act.

Senate may also consider S. 1873, Missile Defense Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, May 11

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro Forma Session.



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