

Thursday, May 14, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2431, Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1998.

House Committees ordered reported 7 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4845-S4926*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2079–2085 and S. Con. Res. 96. **Page S4906**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and for other purposes, with amendments.

Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for the Concurrent Resolution for the Fiscal Year 1999”. (S. Rept. No. 105–191)

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**Measures Passed:**

**WIPO Copyright Treaty Implementation:** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 137), Senate passed S. 2037, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, and to provide limitations on copyright liability relating to material online, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S4884–S4900**

Hatch Amendment No. 2411, to make technical corrections. **Page S4885**

**Department of Defense Authorizations:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2057, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths

for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S4850–83**

Adopted:

Thurmond/Levin Amendment No. 2399, to increase the amount for classified programs, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount for Air Force procurement for the Advance Medium Air-to-Air Missile System program, and the amount for Defense-wide research, development, test, and evaluation for engineering and manufacturing development under the Theater High Area Defense program.

**Pages S4853–54**

Hutchinson/Abraham Amendment No. 2387, relating to commercial activities in the United States of the People’s Liberation Army and other Communist Chinese military companies. (By 24 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 136), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4864–71, S4876, S4879–80**

Thomas Amendment No. 2401 (to Amendment No. 2387), to strike the findings provisions.

**Pages S4871, S4880**

Hutchinson/Abraham Modified Amendment No. 2388, relating to the use of forced labor in the People’s Republic of China. **Pages S4871–75**

Harkin Amendment No. 2402 (to Amendment No. 2388), to increase monitoring of imported products made with forced or indentured labor and forced or indentured child labor. (The amendment was incorporated into the modification of Amendment No. 2388.) **Pages S4873–75**

McCain/Levin Amendment No. 2410, to provide eligibility for hardship duty pay on the basis of the nature of the duty performed instead of the location of the duty, and to repeal an exception.

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**Pending:**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2405, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Indian nuclear tests. Page S4877

Brownback Amendment No. 2407 (to Amendment No. 2405), to repeal a restriction on the provision of certain assistance and other transfers to Pakistan. Page S4879

**Universal Tobacco Settlement Act:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, May 18, 1998. Page S4883

**American Competitiveness Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1723, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers, on Monday, May 18, 1998. Page S4925

**Appointments:**

**National Skill Standards Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to P.L. 103-227, appointed the following individuals to the National Skill Standards Board: Jon A. Reeves, of Mississippi, Ronald K. Robinson, of Mississippi, and Earline N. Ashley, of Mississippi. Page S4925

**North Atlantic Assembly:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchinson as a member of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the Second Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, May 22-27, 1998. Page S4925

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Paul J. Hooper, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

William P. Dimitrouleas, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Stephan P. Mickle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Pages S4925, S4926

**Messages From the House:** Page S4902

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S4922-25

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—137) Pages S4879-80, S4894

**Adjournment:** Senate adjourned for 1 minute during today's proceedings, thus changing the legislative day. Page S4883

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 15, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4925-26.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee held hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture information technology systems to ensure compliance with Year 2000 deadline, receiving testimony from Marsha Pyle Martin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration; Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Anne F. Thomson Reed, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Peter de Jager, de Jager and Company, Ltd., Toronto, Canada; and Irene Dec, Prudential Insurance Company of America, Roseland, New Jersey.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Committee completed its review of subcommittee 302(b) allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in S. Con. Res. 86, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

**ERISA**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) preemption, focusing on remedies for denied or delayed health claims, after receiving testimony from Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; Evan Miller, Hogan & Hartson, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension, and Ronald F. Pollack, Families USA Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mark Smith, AMP Incorporated, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers.

**APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of the Treasury, focusing on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' Gang Resistance, Education and Training program, after receiving testimony from John W. Magaw, Director, and Gale Rossides, Assistant Director for Training and Professional Development, both of the Bureau of ATF, Department of the Treasury; Edward N. Kondracki, La Crosse Police Department, La Crosse, Wisconsin; Cuyler Windham, Cumberland County Police Department, Fayetteville, North Carolina; and numerous public witnesses.

**NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1693, to improve state-of-the-art protection and interpretation to NPS sources, focusing on Title IX, Commercial Filming in National Parks, and Title X, Capital Improvement Project Bond Demonstration Program, and S. 1614, to require a permit for the making of a motion picture, television program, or other forms of commercial visual depiction in a unit of the National Park System or National Wildlife Refuge System, after receiving testimony from Representative Hefley; Destry Jarvis, Assistant Director for External Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Albert C. Eisenberg, National Parks and Conservation Association, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, Jeff Perlman, American Advertising Federation, and Daniel L. Jaffe, Association of National Advertisers, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; Matthew Miller, Association of Independent Commercial Producers, Inc., and Alfred R. Califano, OneSuch Films, both of New York, New York; Leigh von der Esch, State of Utah Film Commission,

Salt Lake City; and Victor S. Perlman, American Society of Media Photographers, Princeton Junction, New Jersey.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, with amendments.

**CHINA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine United States interests at the forthcoming U.S.-China summit to be held in June, receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Mike Jendrzeczyk, Human Rights Watch/Asia Division, and Robert A. Kapp, United States-China Business Council, all of Washington, D.C.; and Arthur Waldron, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**IRAN**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy toward Iran, after receiving testimony from Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Richard W. Murphy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Michael Eisenstadt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Steven Emerson, both of Washington, D.C.

**SAFETY OF FOOD IMPORTS**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine the adequacy of procedures and systems used by the Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration to oversee the safety of food imported into the United States, receiving testimony from Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Reggie Jang, San Francisco, California, former Consumer Safety Inspector, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Resources; and Mary Ellen Camire, University of Maine, Orono.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Rosemary S. Pooler and Robert D. Sack, both of New York, each to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Victoria A. Roberts, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Richard W. Roberts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Ronnie L. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Roberts was introduced by Senators Levin and Abraham and Representative Upton, Mr. Roberts was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Norton, and Mr. White was introduced by Senator Bond and Representative Clay.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Hochberg, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received on the nominee from Senator D'Amato; Representative Forbes; and Ada Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 3865–3889; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 119, H. Con. Res. 277, and H. Res. 431–434 and 437–439, were introduced. Pages H3311–12

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 435, providing for consideration of H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999 (H. Doc. 105–535); and

H. Res. 436, providing for consideration of H. Res. 432, Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Concerning the President's Assertion of Executive Privilege and providing for consideration of H. Res. 437, Calling Upon the President of the United States to Urge Full Cooperation By His Former Political Appointees and Friends and their Associates with Congressional Investigations (H. Doc. 105–536). Pages H3310–11

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3259

**Motion To Adjourn:** Rejected the Serrano motion to adjourn by a ye and nay vote of 15 yeas to 379 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 152. Pages H3259–69

**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Chair ruled that H. Res. 431, relating to a question of the

privileges of the House did constitute a question of privilege and was in order. Pages H3260–61

Subsequently, agreed to the Arney motion to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 223 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 153. Page H3261

**Freedom From Religious Persecution Act of 1998:** The House passed H.R. 2431, to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution by ye and nay vote of 375 yeas to 41 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 155. Pages H3271–94

### Agreed To:

The Brady amendment that establishes provisions to promote religious freedom including an internet site, training for foreign service officers, equal access to U.S. missions abroad for conducting religious activities, international broadcasting and exchanges; and foreign service awards for promotion of internationally recognized human rights; creates a five member commission on international religious persecution composed of a Director, two Senators and two Members of the House of Representatives; and provides limited contract sanctity for transactions involving the Trade and Development Agency or the Export Import Bank; Pages H3288–90

The Hastings of Florida amendment that permits the Director of the Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, in consultation with the Secretary of State to make policy recommendations to the President to promote and develop legal protections and

cultural respect for religious freedom; and requires the Director to assist the Secretary of State in establishing an award program for foreign service officers who provide meritorious service in the promotion of human rights including the right to religious freedom (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 154); and Pages H3290-92

The Campbell amendment that permits the President to waive sanctions against Sudan if the President determines that national security interests justify a waiver and notifies specified Senate and House of Representatives committees in writing of his intention to waive any sanction. Pages H3292-93

H. Res. 430, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3806, modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of H. Rept. 105-534, the report accompanying the rule, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. Pages H3263-71

**Committee Election:** the House agreed to H. Res. 434, electing the Delegate of the Virgin Islands, the Honorable Christian-Green to the Committee on Small Business. Page H3294

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of May 18. Pages H3294-95

**Meeting Hour—Monday, May 18:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, May 18. Page H3295

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 19:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, for Morning Hour debate. Page H3295

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, May 20. Page H3295

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, May 18, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. Page H3295

**Senate Messages:** Message received today from the Senate appears on page H3259.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3312-55.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3259-60, H3261, H3291-92, and H3294. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 171, declaring the memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the "National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service"; H.R. 2202, amended, National Bone Marrow Registry Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 3849, amended, Internet Tax Freedom Act.

### CHINA TRADE POLICY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on China Trade Policy. Testimony was heard from Ambassador David Aaron, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action 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, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; H.R. 2661, amended, Sound Scientific Practices Act; and H.R. 3725, amended, Postal Service Health and Safety Promotion Act.

### GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: Tumor Data. Testimony was heard from Kwai Chan, Director, Special Studies and Evaluation Group, GAO; Susan Mather, M.D., Chief, Public Health and Environmental Hazards Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gary Christopherson, Acting Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs), Department of Defense; Richard Miller, M.D., Director, Medical Follow-Up Agency, Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action 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.

#### **BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT; RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND CHARITABLE DONATION PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3150, amended, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998; and H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act of 1997.

#### **OVERSIGHT—PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS VALOR—CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on Congressional Recognition for Acts of Exceptional Valor by Public Safety Officers. Testimony was heard from Peter E. Bergin, Acting, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director, Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State; Donnie R. Marshall, Acting Deputy Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing. Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; Representatives Jones, Pallone, Cunningham, Capps, Lampson, Regula, Scarborough, Goss and Taylor of Mississippi; and Cynthia Quarterman, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior.

#### **DISABLED SPORTSMEN'S ACCESS ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2760, Disabled Sportsmen's Access Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Peterson of Minnesota, Chambliss and Kelly; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security; and Lt. Col. A. Lewis Deal, USMC, Executive Officer, Weapons Training Battalion, Quantico Marine Corps Base; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST—FOREST HEALTH**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Health in the Rocky Mountain West. Testimony was heard from Lyle Laverty, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. Finally, the rule provides that there shall be no further consideration of the measure except by subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representative Skelton.

#### **SENSE OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE; COOPERATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by a vote of 7 to 1, a rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 432, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege, in the House with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader or his designee and an opponent. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 433, calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations, in the House with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and an opponent. The rule provides that the resolution be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

#### **COMMUNICATING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

*Committee on Science:* Held an oversight hearing on Communicating Science and Engineering in a Sound-Bite World. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—MILLENNIUM SHORT CIRCUIT**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint oversight hearing on Millennium Short Circuit: The Y2K Effect on Energy Utilities. Testimony was heard from Hugh L. Thompson, Jr., Deputy Executive Director, Regulatory Programs, NRC; Kathleen M. Hirning, Chief Information Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

**DRUG-FREE WORK PLACES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on how to best obtain drug-free work places. Testimony was heard from Representative Portman; and public witnesses.

**AVIATION SECURITY EFFORTS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Status of Aviation Security efforts with a focus on the National Safe Skies Alliance and Passenger Profiling Criteria. Testimony was heard from Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Alexis M. Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Aviation; and Adm. Cathal L. Flynn, Associate Administrator, Civil Aviation Security, FAA; James E. Orlando, Advisor to the Aviation Mail Security Committee, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

**OIL POLLUTION—CRIMINAL LIABILITY**

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing

on Criminal Liability for Oil Pollution. Testimony was heard from Capt. Malcolm Williams, USCG, Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**VA MEDICAL CENTER—ALLEGED DEATH COVERUPS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representative Hulshof; Eljay B. Bowron, Assistant Comptroller General, Special Investigations, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General; and Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Veterans Health Administration.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 3828, Veterans Medicare Access Improvement Act of 1998; and H.R. 3809, Drug Free Borders Act of 1998.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 15, 1998**
**Senate**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

**House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, May 18

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** No legislative business is scheduled.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in pro forma session.

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