

Friday, May 15, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4927–S4943

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2086. Page S4939

Measures Passed:

Care for Police Survivors Act: Senate passed H.R. 3565, to amend Part L of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S4930–31

Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 1525, to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. Page S4931

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1605, to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement departments, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S4927–30

American Competitiveness Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time 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 United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers, and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Monday, May 18, 1998, at 12 noon. Page S4943

Universal Tobacco Settlement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the 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, on Monday, May 18, 1998, following disposition of S. 1723 (listed above). Page S4943

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill was vitiated. Page S4943

Appointments:

Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 102–246, appointed Bernard Rapoport of Texas to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years. Page S4941

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alvin K. Hellerstein, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:55 a.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4943.)

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 18.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 18 through 23, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 1723, American Competitiveness Act, and S. 1415 Universal Tobacco Settlement Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1415, Universal Tobacco Settlement Act, and resume consideration of S. 2057, DOD Authorizations. Senate will also consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 19, 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 Appropriations: May 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine advanced nuclear technologies, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 20, 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.

May 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for osteoporosis prevention, education and research, 12 Noon, SD-138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 19, Subcommittee on Communications, to resume oversight hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on the Mass Media Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries, to hold hearings on S. 1480, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct research, monitoring, education and management activities for the eradication and control of harmful algal blooms, including blooms of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 19, to hold oversight hearings on the fiscal and economic implications of Puerto Rico status, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 20, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations to examine the status of Iraqi sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 21, Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 1141, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to take into account newly developed renewable energy-based fuels and to equalize alternative fuel vehicle acquisition incentives to increase the flexibility of controlled fleet owners and operators, and S. 1418, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 18, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the current political situation in Indonesia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 19, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to review Russian foreign and domestic policy, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 20, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine trade barriers to U.S. soda ash exports to Asia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to examine the status of Iraqi sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Mexico, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 21, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to examine the certification of a United Nations reform budget of \$2,533 billion, 4 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 18, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the role of faith-based charities in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-342.

May 19 and 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Government information security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 19, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine antitrust implications of certain bank mergers, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 19, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine certain business bankruptcy issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1645, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 20, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on S. 512, to

amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: May 19, to hold hearings to examine grievance procedures in the health care industry, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on genetic information issues, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 20, business meeting, to mark up S. 1691, to provide for Indian legal reform, 10 a.m., SR-485.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on addressing the unmet health care needs in Indian country, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 20, to hold hearings on the nomination of Joan Avalyn Dempsey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

House Chamber

Monday, pro forma session.

Tuesday, Consideration of Suspensions (list to be announced):

Consideration of H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act (open rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (general debate only); and

Complete consideration of H.R. 3534, Mandates Information Act of 1998 (open rule).

NOTE.—The House meets at 10:30 for Morning Hour and 12:00 for Legislative Business. No votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday and the Balance of the Week, Continue consideration of H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2183; Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act of 1997 (subject to a rule); and

Possible Consideration of Conference Reports on H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997 and H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 20, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on H.R. 3766, Plant Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 20, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the implementation of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulatory requirements, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 21, full Committee, hearing to review U.S. Agriculture, the Asian Financial Crisis, and the International Monetary Fund, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Nobel Laureate, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 20, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Biometrics and the Future of Money, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, May 19, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 1689, Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Medicare Billing: Savings Through Implementation of Commercial Software, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 2021, Auto Choice Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Electronic Commerce: Doing Business On-Line, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "Who Pays for the Rerun Teamsters' Election?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 19, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 2710, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on American Worker Project: Innovative Workplaces for the Future, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, to mark up the following: H. Res. 401, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that social promotion in America's schools should be ended and can be ended through the use of high-quality, proven programs and practices; H. Res. 399, urging the Congress and the President to work to fully fund the Federal Government's obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; H.R. 3254, IDEA Technical Amendments Act of 1998; H.R. 3871, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance during the summer months; H.R. 3874, WIC Reauthorization Amendments of 1998; H.R. 3872, to amend the National School Lunch Act to extend the authority of the commodity distribution program through fiscal year 2003; H.R. 3873, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to simplify program operations and improve program management under that Act; and H.R. 3680, English Language Fluency Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, May 19, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on protecting Health Information: Legislative Options, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 19 and 20, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to

continue hearings on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans? Parts II and III", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, full Committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Census, hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Reviewing the Long and Short Form Questionnaires, 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 20, hearing on Eradication and Elimination of Six Infectious Diseases, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Anti-Corruption Efforts in Africa, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on U.S.-Taiwan Relations, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H. Con. Res. 270, acknowledging the positive role of Taiwan in the current Asian financial crisis and affirming the support of the American people for peace and stability on the Taiwan Strait and security for Taiwan's democracy, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 19, oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 20, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3736, Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998; S. 170, Clone Pager Authorization Act; H.R. 3633, Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act; and H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 21, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2448, to provide protection from personal intrusion; and H.R. 3224, Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 3682, Child Custody Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on issues in trademark protection and the impact of regulatory delay on patents; and to hold a hearing on the following: Trademark Anticounterfeiting Act of 1998; and H.R. 3119, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to the dilution of famous marks, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on Alternative Proposals to Restructure the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 19, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following: H.R. 2291, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 to enable the Secretary of the Interior to more effectively utilize the proceeds of sales of certain items; H.R. 3460, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia, and for other purposes; H.R. 3461, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland; and H.R. 3647, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to

the Coastal Barrier Resources System, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 19, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3830, Utah Schools and Lands Exchange Act of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 1212, Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 20, full committee, to consider the following: H.R. 1154, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1997; H.R. 1635, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1997; H.R. 1865, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1997; H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; H.R. 2538, Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty Land Claims Act of 1997; H.R. 2742, California Indian Land Transfer Act; H.R. 2795, Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1997; H.R. 2812, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition Act; H.R. 3267, Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Reclamation Act; 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; H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management; H.R. 3797, Wyandotte Tribe Settlement Act of 1998; and a Committee Report on Mining Regulations promulgated by the Bureau of Land Management, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to continue hearings on H.R. 3334, Royalty Enhancement Act of 1998, (Part II), 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 21, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following: H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capitol; H.R. 1042, to amend the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 to extend the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor Commission; H.R. 1894, to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission for 10 additional years; H.R. 2223, Education Land Grant Act; H.R. 2776, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Morristown National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes" to authorize the acquisition of property known as the Warren property; H.R. 2993, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units; and H.R. 3047, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, by 16 acres, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 19, to continue consideration of H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, May 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, oversight hearing on EPA's Rule on Paints and Coatings: Has EPA met the Research Requirements of the Clean Air Act? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint oversight hearing on External Regulation of DOE Labs: Status of OSHA and NRC Pilot Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on Asteroids: Perils and Opportunities, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, May 20, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Benefits of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing on the SBA's Programs to Assist Veterans, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

May 21, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on entrepreneurial education, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 19, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Coast Guard Deepwater Capability Replacement Analysis, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Federal Railroad Administration Reauthorization: Regulatory Process, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up the following: H.R. 3869, Disaster Mitigation Act of 1998; and Natural Resources Conservation Service Small Watershed Projects, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 19, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Child Support Enforcement, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 20, executive, hearing on Whistleblower, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: May 20, to hold hearings to examine terrorism and intelligence operations of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, May 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, May 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will begin consideration of S. 1723, American Competitiveness Act.

Also, Senate will begin consideration of S. 1415, Universal Tobacco Settlement Act.

House Chamber

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



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