

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2465-S2533

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 572-584, and S. Res. 60. **Page S2503**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 576, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure. (S. Rept. No. 11)

S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-10)

S. 92, to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-12) **Page S2503**

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, taking action on the following amendments/motions: **Pages S2465-S2500**

Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2478**

Jeffords (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 60 (to Amendment No. 31), to express the sense of the Senate regarding flexibility to use certain Federal education funds to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2481, S2498**

Feinstein/Dorgan/Bingaman Amendment No. 61 (to Amendment No. 31), to assist local educational agencies to help all students achieve State achieve-

ment standards, and to end the practice of social promotion. **Pages S2481-85**

Wellstone Amendment No. 62 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for local and state plans, use of funds, and accountability, under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, except to permit the formation of secondary and post-secondary consortia. **Pages S2485-87**

Bingaman Amendment No. 63 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. **Pages S2487-89**

Bingaman (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 31), authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000 through 2005 to provide for class-size reduction in the early grades and to provide for the hiring of additional qualified teachers. **Page S2489**

Bingaman (for Boxer) Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 31), to improve academic and social outcomes for students and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities during after school hours. **Page S2489**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 66 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2489-92**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2489-92**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 68 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act with respect to alternative educational settings. **Pages S2489-92**

Withdrawn:

Bingaman Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 35), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Gramm (for Allard) Amendment No. 40 (to the language in the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 31), to prohibit implementation of "Know Your Customer" regulations by the Federal banking agencies. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Jeffords Amendment No. 55 (to Amendment No. 40), to require local educational agencies to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment: Kennedy (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 56, to reduce class size. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Subsequently, the following amendments (Amendment Nos. 58 and 59) fell when the Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit (listed above) was withdrawn:

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 58 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 59 (to Amendment No. 58), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

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

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 36), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit (listed above). **Page S2478**

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 37), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (listed above). **Page S2479**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the second motion to close further debate on the Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (listed above) scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, be vitiated. **Page S2480**

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments/motion to be withdrawn (as listed above). **Page S2480**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, with votes to occur thereon, on Thursday, March 11, 1999. **Page S2533**

Unilateral Declaration of a Palestine State Agreement:

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Foreign Relations to be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood, and the Senate proceed with its consideration, with a vote to occur thereon, on Thursday, March 11, 1999. **Page S2533**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-15). **Pages S2502-03**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Gregory A. Vega, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years. **Page S2533**

Messages From the President: **Pages S2502-03**

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Additional Statements: **Page S2529**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37).

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, March 11, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2533.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs, receiving testimony from Senator Grams; Joseph W. Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Jerry R. Skees, University of Kentucky Department of Agricultural Economics, Lexington; Keith H. Coble, Mississippi State University, University; William W. Biedermann, Allendale, Inc., McHenry, Illinois; David A. Bossman, American Feed Industry Association, Arlington, Virginia; Gregg Doud, World Perspectives, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Tom Coyle, Continental Grain, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION/JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE/OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony from Senator Roth, in behalf of funds for the Joint Committee on Taxation; Senator Mack, in behalf of funds for the Joint Economic Committee; and Ricky Silberman, in behalf of funds for the Office of Compliance.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMTRAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), focusing on issues relating to Amtrak's short- and long-term financial health, and the operational decisions which determine the railroad's present and future status, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; George Warrington, President, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); and Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY/MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, after receiving testimony from Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. J.L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. C.C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on military installations and facilities, military construction, family housing, homeowners assistance fund, reserve base realignment and closure, and shore infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Randall A. Yim, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations; Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; Christopher Jehn, Assistant Director for National Security, Congressional Budget Office; and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.

STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL LIFT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings to examine strategic and tactical lift requirements versus capabilities, focusing on the environment of future conflicts, engagement and combat employment, equipment requirements, and the Defense Transportation System, after receiving testimony from Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command; and Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 303, to

amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MEDICARE FINANCIAL STATUS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine spending trends in the Medicare program, the impact on those trends of Medicare savings in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Medicare, including the fifteen-percent surplus funding proposal, receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 18.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current human rights situa-

tion in Cuba, focusing on Fidel Castro's recent crackdown on Cubans and independent journalists, U.S. support for dissidents, and the codification of the embargo, after receiving testimony from Frank Calzon, Center for a Free Cuba, Washington, D.C.; and Eloy Gutierrez-Menoyo, Cambio Cubano, Ruth Montaner, Internal Dissident Working Group, on behalf of the Cuban Dissidence Task Group, and Luis Zuniga, Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba, all of Miami, Florida.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 18.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1048–1068; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 49–52 and H. Res. 105–107, were introduced. **Pages H1161–63**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 774, to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program (H. Rept. 106–47);

H. Res. 103, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 42, regarding the use of United States Armed Forces as part of a NATO peacekeeping operation implementing a Kosovo peace agreement; (H. Rept. 106–48); and

H. Res. 104, providing for consideration of H.R. 819, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; (H. Rept. 106–49). **Page H1161**

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas and nays vote of 356 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 34. **Pages H1075, H1079–80**

Suspension—Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 540, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid Program which was debated on March 9: (passed

by yeas and nays vote of 398 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 35). **Pages H1080–81**

Dodson Montana School Districts Impact Aid: The House passed S. 447, to deem as timely filed, and process for payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payments for fiscal year 1999—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H1088–89**

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: The House completed debate and considered amendments to H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships. **Pages H1089–H1136**

Agreed To:

The Ehlers amendment, numbered 6 and printed in the Congressional Record, that requires each State educational agency insure that the purposes of the statutory requirements of each program, for which a waiver is granted, continue to be met (agreed to by a recorded vote of 406 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 38); and **Pages H1100–13**

The Castle amendment, numbered 2 and printed in the Congressional Record, that strengthens accountability by clarifying reporting responsibilities by the states and includes specific performance data to demonstrate the degree to which progress has been made toward meeting objectives. **Pages H1131–32**

Rejected:

The Holt amendment to the Ehlers amendment that sought to require that each State educational

agency insure that the purposes of the statutory requirements of each program, for which a waiver is granted, continues to be met and further requires that the State include in its application a description of how the professional development needs of its teachers, in the areas of mathematics and science will be, or are being met (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 37); and

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The George Miller amendment, numbered 12 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to require states to have developed a system to measure student performance from one school year to the next and established numerical performance standards for student achievement, including an objective of improving the performance of all groups and narrowing the gaps in performance between the groups disaggregated by race, ethnicity, sex, English proficiency status, migrant status, and socioeconomic status, before a waiver authority is granted (rejected by yeas and nays vote of 196 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 39).

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Recorded Vote Postponed:

The Scott amendment, numbered 21 and printed in the Congressional Record, that seeks to authorize a waiver in the case of a school that participates in a Title I program only if the school serves at least thirty-five percent of children from low-income families.

Pages H1132–36

H. Res. 100, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by yeas and nays vote of 217 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 36.

Pages H10181–88

Presidential Message—Re Iran: Read a message from the 1081–88 President wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–38).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1164–71.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1079–80, H1080–81, H1088, H1112–13, H1113, and H1130–31. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing on Review of the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Kenneth D. Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: August Schumacher, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service; Kenneth D. Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Keith Kelly, Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Secretary of State, and on The Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from Madeline Albright, Secretary of State; and the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: David H. Souter; and Clarence Thomas.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on the fiscal year 2000 Air Force Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force, Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, (Acquisitions); and Darleen A. Druyan, (Acquisitions and Management).

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture, and on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the USDA: Dan Glickman, Secretary; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Vocational and Adult Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Educational Research and Improvement, and Howard University. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Patricia W. McNeil, Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Cyril Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement; and H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sergeant Major, Robert E. Hall, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer, James L. Herdt, USN; Sergeant Major, Lewis G. Lee, USMC; and Chief Master Sergeant, Eric W. Benken, USAF.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Aviation Safety and Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Alexis M. Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Aviation; Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Cathal I. Flynn, Associate Administrator, Civil Aviation Security, FAA; and James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

U.S. POLICY ON IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the U.S. policy on Iraq. Testimony was heard from R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; John Hillen, Senior Fellow for Political-Military Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies and Thomas A. Keaney, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Insti-

tute, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

PHARMACY REDESIGN AND TRICARE CLAIMS PROCESSING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on pharmacy redesign and TRICARE claims processing. Testimony was heard from Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary (Health Affairs), Department of Defense; Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare, and Recreation held a hearing on morale, welfare and recreation programs and resale activity oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail McGinn, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (Personnel Support, Families and Education); Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); Brig. Gen. Craig B. Whelden, USA, Commanding General, Community and Family Support Command; Maj. Gen. Robert L. VanAntwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff (Installation Management); Maj. Gen. Barry Bates, USA, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, all with the Department of the Army; Rear Adm. James B. Hinkle, USN, Assistant Commander, Personnel Command; Philip G. Short, Director, Personal and Family Readiness, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Vice Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics); Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Rear Adm. Richard T. Ginman, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; and Philip G. Short, Director, Personal and Family Readiness, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Arthur Myers, Director of Services; Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), both with the Department of the Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Richard E. Beale, Jr., (USA, Ret.), Director; Alan L. Flowers, Category Manager, Health and Beauty Aids; and William T. Wood, Buyer, Breakfast Cereals and Nutritional Snacks, all with the Defense Commissary Agency.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued markup of the Financial Services Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

EXXON-MOBILE MERGER

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Exxon-Mobil merger. Testimony was heard from William J. Baer, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and Michael McAlevey, Deputy Director, Division of Corporate Finance, SEC.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REPORT; OVERSIGHT—CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 807, amended, Federal Reserve Board Portability Act; and H.R. 858, District of Columbia Court Employees Whistleblower Protection Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved the following: a draft report entitled: "A Citizen's Guide On Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records;" and the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee held an oversight hearing on Cardiovascular Disease: Is the Federal Government Doing More Harm Than Good? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; and Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; Joan Z. Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Met to consider pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; U.S. ROLE IN KOSOVO

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of H. Con. Res. 24, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood.

Will continue tomorrow.

The Committee also held a hearing on the U.S. Role in Kosovo. Testimony was heard from former Senator Bob Dole of Kansas; the following former Secretaries of State: Henry A. Kissinger; and Jeane Kirkpatrick; and public witnesses.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the reauthorization of the Independent Counsel Act. Testimony was heard from the following former Attorney Generals: William P. Barr; and Benjamin R. Civiletti; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—JUVENILE JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on putting consequences back into juvenile justice, Federal, State, and local efforts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kevin DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Sherry Scheel Matteucci, U.S. Attorney, State of Montana; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RESOURCE PROTECTION

Committee on Resources: Concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 701, Conservation Reinvestment Act of 1999 and H.R. 798, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond. Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; Representatives McGovern and Chambliss; Governor Thomas R. Carper, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WARNER CREEK TIMBER SALE

Committee on Resources: Task Force on Warner Creek met in executive session to discuss the Warner Creek Timber Sale and related matters.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN KOSOVO RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 2 hours of debate on H. Con. Res. 42, Peacekeeping Operations in Kosovo Resolution. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be open to amendment at any point. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the resolution, and to reduce voting time 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 Chairman Gilman and Representative Gejdenson.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments 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 voting time 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 Representative Gilchrest.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, and Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the following bills: H.R. 700, Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 1999; H.R. 780, Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 908, Aviation Consumer Right To Know Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CAPITAL ASSET PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Veterans Health Administration capital asset planning. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans' Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services, Division, GAO; Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

STEEL IMPORTS; BUDGET REVENUE PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered adversely reported H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program.

The Committee also held a hearing on Revenue Provisions in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget. Testimony was heard from Representative Etheridge; Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the defense health program, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222. Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on Department of Defense policies and programs to combat terrorism, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for

improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to explore the ramifications of the changing world economy and the reforms that are needed in the international tax area, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine embassy security for a new millennium, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine patients' health protections, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business Meeting to mark up S. 461, to assure that innocent users and businesses gain access to solutions to the year 2000 problem-related failures through fostering an incentive to settle year 2000 lawsuits that may disrupt significant sectors of the American economy, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, 2 p.m., 2237, Rayburn Building.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings to explore claims that failures caused by the Y2K computer glitch will result in a large number of lawsuits that could negatively impact the courts and business community, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on Review of Forest Service fiscal year 2000 Budget, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 9:30 a.m., and, executive, on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Energy Resources and Science, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on the Smithsonian, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Postsecondary Education, and Special Institutions for the Disabled, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Labor, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-3000 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to continue Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the various combatant commanders-in-chief (CINC's) on their geographic areas of responsibility and assess the impact of the fiscal year 1999 defense budget request on their respective missions, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—increasing the effectiveness of the domestic emergency preparedness program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue markup of the Financial Services Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on "The Clinton Defense Plan: Shipshape or Treading Water?" 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on the Exxon-Mobil merger, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "Date Rape" Drugs, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on School Violence: Protecting our Children, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Census, to consider the following bills: H.R. 928, 2000 Census Mail Outreach Improvement Act; H.R. 929, 2000 Census Language Barrier Removal Act; H.R. 1009, to authorize the awarding of grants to cities, counties, tribal organizations, and certain other entities for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 decennial census; and H.R. 1010, to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion, and outreach, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "Government-wide Spending to Combat Terrorism: GAO Views on the President's Annual Report", 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H. Con. Res. 24, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood; followed by a hearing on U.S. Policy Considerations on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising and the Dalai Lama's Flight into Exile, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 768, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act; H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act; H.R. 769, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions; and H.R. 1027, Satellite Television Improvement Act, 9 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to continue oversight hearings on putting consequences back into juvenile justice, Federal, State, and local efforts, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999; and to hold an oversight hearing on the impact of immigration on low-skilled American workers and on American minority communities, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the reauthorization of the Yukon River Salmon Act, the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of Route 66 Corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; and H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1019, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey lands and interests comprising the Carlsbad Irrigation Project to the Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 841, Welton-Mohawk Transfer Act; and H.R. 862, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget: Regulations and Operations, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, joint hearing on the Small Business Advocacy Review Panels created by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 1000, Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood

Marshall United States Courthouse"; H.R. 751, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 717, National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 1999; H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; H. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; H. Con. Res. 47, authorizing the use to the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, to mark up the following: H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse; H.R. 751, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" an 11(b) resolution; and other pending resolutions, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to consider the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on whistleblowing and retaliation in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Barriers Preventing Disability Beneficiaries from Returning to Work, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Findings of the Cox/Dicks Committee, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, 2 p.m., 2237, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Thursday, March 11, 1999

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider S. Con. Res. 5, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood, and to continue consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act and amendments proposed thereto, with votes to occur thereon.

Also, Senate may consider S. 257, National Missile Defense Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 11

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999;

Vote on Suspensions debated on Tuesday, March 9: H.R. 808, Bankruptcy Relief Extension for Certain Family Farmers; H. Res. 32, Support for Free Elections in Indonesia; and H. Con. Res. 28, Human Rights Abuses in China and Tibet; and

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