

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2695–S2785

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 622–637, and S. Res. 61–63. **Pages S2729–30**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Report to accompany S. 558, to prevent the shut-down of the Government at the beginning of a fiscal year if a new budget is not yet enacted. (S. Rept. No. 106–15)

S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 106–16)

S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College. (S. Rept. No. 106–17) **Page S2729**

Measures Passed:

Commending Senator Kerrey: Senate agreed to S. Res. 61, commending the Honorable J. Robert Kerrey, United States Senator from Nebraska, on the 30th anniversary of the events giving rise to his receiving the Medal of Honor. **Pages S2696–S2705**

Honoring Joe DiMaggio: Senate agreed to S. Res. 63, recognizing and honoring Joe DiMaggio. **Pages S2783–85**

National Missile Defense Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2705–27**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 49), Cochran Amendment No. 69, to clarify that the deployment funding is subject to the annual authorization and appropriation process. **Pages S2705–07**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 50), Landrieu Amendment No. 72, to add a statement of policy that the United States seek continued negotiated reductions in Russian nuclear forces. **Pages S2718–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. **Page S2785**

Appointment:

Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 83–420, as amended by Public Law 99–371, reappointed Senator McCain to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. **Page S2782**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S2728**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S2707, S2723**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2785.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lawrence J. Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Earl A. Powell, III, Director, National Gallery of Art; I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; and Lee H. Hamilton, Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Immigration and Naturalization, after receiving testimony from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded hearings to assess the roles and preparedness of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs to respond to a domestic chemical or biological weapons attack, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Margaret A. Hamburg, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Joshua Lederberg, Rockefeller University, New York, New York; Donald A. Henderson, Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies, Baltimore, Maryland; and Robert C. Myers, BioPort Corporation, Lansing, Michigan.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services food safety programs, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Jane Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Jeffrey P. Koplan, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Navy shore infrastructure and military construction, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Rear Adm. Ralph E. Suggs, Deputy Commander in Chief, United States Special Operations

Command; Rear Adm. Thomas F. Carrato, Chief Operating Officer, Tricare Management Activity, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Frederick N. Baillie, Executive Director of Resources, Planning, and Performance, Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency; and Gail H. McGinn, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Personnel Support, Families and Education.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on Armed Services/Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committees concluded joint closed hearings on alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy laboratories, after receiving testimony from William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the Department of Energy national security programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on information warfare and critical infrastructure protection, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Robert T. Marsh, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection; Michael A. Vatis, Deputy Assistant Director and Chief, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Arthur L. Money, Senior Civilian Official, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence; and Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USAF, Director, Joint Task Force for Computer Network Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export Administration Act, focusing on the globalization of technology, multilateral nonproliferation, and current national security threats, after receiving testimony from John P. Barker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Export Controls; R. Roger Majak, Assistant Secretary of

Commerce for Export Administration; Patricia Dedik, Director, Nuclear Transfer and Supplier Policy Division, Office of Arms Control and Non-proliferation, Department of Energy; Dan Hoydysh, Unisys Corporation, on behalf of the Computer Coalition for Responsible Exports, Paul Freedenberg, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Administration, on behalf of the Association for Manufacturing Technology, and John W. Douglass, Aerospace Industries Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen D. Bryen, Silver Spring, Maryland, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

BUDGET 2000

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, focusing on fair market value, concession reform, recreation fees, payments to states, and federal land usage, after receiving testimony from Ronald E. Stewart, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

EPA'S RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Plan Program of the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert M. Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, National Security Division, and Robert M. Blitzer, former Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dean Kleckner, Rudd, Iowa on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; James E. Bertelsmeyer, Heritage Propane, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Propane Gas Association; Thomas M. Susman, Ropes & Gray, and Thomas E. Natan, Jr., National Environmental Trust, both of Washington, D.C.; Paula R. Littles, Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, Fairfax, Virginia; and Ben Laganga, Union County Office of Emergency Management, Westfield, New Jersey.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM: PERSONAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to restore the Social Security program's solvency, focusing on personal or individual retirement accounts, including S. 263, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Personal Retirement Accounts Program, and S. 21, to reduce social security payroll taxes, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Fred T. Goldberg, Jr., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, former Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, and Robert D. Reischauer, Brookings Institution, former Director, Congressional Budget Office, both of Washington, D.C.; Sam Beard, Economic Security 2000, New Castle, Delaware; Martin S. Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Bureau on Economic Research; and Sylvester J. Schieber, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—EDUCATING THE DISADVANTAGED

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title I, education programs for the disadvantaged, after receiving testimony from Wayne Riddle, Specialist in Education Finance, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; David Baroudi, State Director (Montpelier, Vermont), Title 1 Programs, Department of Education; Lula M. Ford, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; William L. Taylor, Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.; and Terry Bergeson, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, on behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

SBA BUDGET

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on the President's fiscal year 2000 budget request for the Small Business Administration, including the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting program, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Mark Barbash, Columbus Countywide Development Corporation, Columbus Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Development Companies; Agnes Noonan, Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Deryl K. Schuster, Mid-America Division, Business Loan Center, Inc. Wichita, Kansas, on

behalf of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders; and Max E. Summers, Missouri Small Business Development Centers, Columbia, on

behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1110–1140; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39–40, and H. Res. 115–118, were introduced. **Pages H1333–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 807, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit for persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other Government agencies (H. Rept. 106–53);

H. Res. 113, providing for consideration of H.R. 820, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 106–54);

H. Res. 114, providing for consideration of H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program (H. Rept. 106–55);

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. Rept. 106–56);

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,” amended (H. Rept. 106–57);

H. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, amended (H. Rept. 106–58);

H. Con. Res. 47, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, amended (H. Rept. 106–59);

H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99 (H. Rept. 106–60);

H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit (H. Rept. 106–61);

H. Con. Res. 50, authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 106–62); and

H. Con. Res. 52, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances spon-

sored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (H. Rept. 106–63). **Page H1333**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1269**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H1274**

Presidential Message—Re Iran: Read a message from the president wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the National Emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–40). **Page H1276**

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

Women’s Business Center Amendments: H.R. 774, amended, 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 (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 385 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 51); **Pages H1276–79, H1301–02**

District of Columbia Court Employees Whistleblower Protection: H.R. 858, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia; **Pages H1279–81**

Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability: H.R. 807, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit for persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other Government agencies. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H1281–85**

Honoring the Late Joe DiMaggio: H. Res. 105, recognizing and honoring Joe DiMaggio; and **Pages H1285–88**

Opposition to the Unilateral Declaration of a Palestinian State: 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 (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 380 yeas to 24 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 52).

Pages H1288-98, H1302

Federal Maritime Commission Authorization: The House passed H.R. 819, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 50.

Pages H1299-H1301

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 104, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H1298-99

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1300-01, H1301, and H1302. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Laurie Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; Shay Bilchik, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and Joseph E. Brann, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: James M. Owendorff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Environmental Management, and Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony

was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Labor, the Employment Standards Administration and the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Alexis M. Herman, Secretary; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; and J. Davitt McAteer, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard Capital and Funding Requirements. Testimony was heard from Adm. James Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation and John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, GAO.

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the fiscal year 2000 Maritime Administration authorization request and fiscal year 2000 (first quarter) Panama Canal Commission authorization request. Testimony was heard from Clyde Hart, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; and Alberto Aleman Zubieta, Administrator, Panama Canal Commission.

LONG-TERM PLANNING—MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND INSTALLATIONS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on long-term planning for military infrastructure and installations management requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. Michael W. Shelton, USN, Facilities and Engineering Division (N44), Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Logistics, Department of Navy; Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Geoffrey B. Higginbotham, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Read Adm. Jack E. Buffington, USN (Ret.),

Department of Civil Engineering, University of Arkansas.

HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on the Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Women's Health: Raising Awareness of Cervical Cancer. Testimony was heard from Senator Mack; Representative Eshoo; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Ronald Valdiserri, M.D., Deputy Director and Nancy Lee, M.D., Associate Director, Science, both with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Douglas R. Lowey, M.D., Deputy Director and Edward L. Trimble, M.D., Head Surgery Section, both with the National Cancer Institute, NIH.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 101, Providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Smith of Michigan, Boucher, Rothman, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Slaughter and LaFalce; Joe Lee, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Committee of Scientists—National Forest Planning. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999. The rule makes

in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed 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 for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative LoBiondo.

STEEL IMPORTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 90 minutes of debate on 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 rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Quinn, Moran of Kansas, Levin, Visclosky, Doyle and Mascara.

OVERSIGHT—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on Information Technology for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

CHILD CARE FINANCING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Federal Resources Available for Child Care. Testimony was heard from Representatives Maloney of New York and Tauscher; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Gene Falk, Specialist in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul Cullinan, Chief, Human Resources Cost Estimate Unit, CBO; Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS—COVERT ACTION BUDGETS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Clandestine Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year Budget: Covert Action. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D242)

H.R. 882, to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers. Signed March 15, 1999. (P.L. 106-2)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to resume hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs, 8 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the efforts to reform and streamline the Department of Defense's acquisition process, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold 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, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the implementation of 1997 Medicare changes to Medicare-Fee for Service and Medicare+Choice Programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings on proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on nuclear safety issues, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to mark up S. 326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings on S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on FBI, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Trade Representative, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and executive, on fiscal year 2000 Army Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on GAO and National Park Service Housing, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on OSHA, 10 a.m., and on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment; and Inspectors General Panel, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on GSA and Judicial Conference of the U.S., 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on U.S. policy in the Balkans, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget resolution, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on reauthorization of the FCC, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Impact Aid: Keeping the Federal Promise, 1 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Impediments to Union Democracy: Public and Private Sector Workers Under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following bills: H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; H.R. 683, Decennial Census Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 1058, Census in the Schools Promotion Act; 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; H.R. 472, Local Census Quality Check Act; H.R. 928, 2000 Census Mail Outreach Improvement Act; H.R. 929, 2000 Census Language Barrier Removal Act; and H.R. 1009, 2000 Census Community Participation Enhancement Act; 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to consider the following: The Microenterprise for Self Reliance Act; H. Res. 59, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); H. Res. 99, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the human rights situation in Cuba; H. Con. Res. 35, congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999; H. Res. 110, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing

free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999; and a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; followed by a hearing on U.S. Policy Challenges in the Central Asian Republics, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following bills: H.R. 39, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 992, amended, 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, amended, Welton-Mohawk Transfer Act; and H.R. 862, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

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Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of five Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 257, National Missile Defense Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 975, Reduction in Steel Imports and Import Notification and Monitoring Program (closed rule, 1 hour of general debate); and
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