

Monday, March 22, 1999

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3027–S3064*

**Measures Introduced:** Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 676–677, and S. Res. 71. Page S3057

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

S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest. (S. Rept. No. 106–29)

S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–30)

S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–31)

S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property. (S. Rept. No. 106–32)

S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources. (S. Rept. No. 106–33) Page S3057

### Measures Passed:

**SBA Loan Improvement:** Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 68, to amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 364, Senate companion measure. Pages S3061–63

Subsequently, S. 364 was then returned to the Senate calendar. Page S3063

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on the following amendments: Pages S3050–56

### Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 81, to set forth restrictions on deployment of United States Armed Forces in Kosovo. Pages S3050–56

Lott Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 81), to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) unless Congress enacts specific authorization in law for the conduct of those operations. Pages S3050–56

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto. Page S3063

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2003.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

16 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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### Communications:

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### Additional Statements:

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:12 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 23, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3063.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

### ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings on Department of Defense policies and programs to combat terrorism, after receiving testimony from Brian E. Sheridan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and Charles L. Cragin, Principal Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; Brig. Gen. John F. Sattler, USMC, Deputy Director for Operations Combating Terrorism, Joint Staff; and an official from the intelligence community.

### INTERNET SECURITIES FRAUD

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation held hearings to examine federal and state enforcement efforts to combat securities fraud on the Internet, particularly penny stock fraud, and the adequacy of federal and state consumer education programs, receiving testimony from Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Howard M. Friedman, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio; Thomas M. Gardner, Motley Fool, Alexandria, Vir-

ginia; Kristin Morris, Berryville, Virginia; and Galen O'Kane, Ellsworth, Maine.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FIREARM PROSECUTIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Youth Violence and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded joint oversight hearings to review the Department of Justice firearm prosecution, focusing on violent crime prosecution, firearm legislation, Project Achilles, and Project Triggerlock, after receiving testimony from Andrew L. Vita, Assistant Director of Field Operations, Washington Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Helen Fahey, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Donald Stern, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts; Thomas W. Corbett Jr., former United States Attorney, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pittsburgh; Jerry A. Oliver, Richmond Police Department, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the Project Exile; and John F. Timoney, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### NURSING HOME QUALITY

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes focusing on the federal-state survey and certification system and complaint and enforcement practices, after receiving testimony from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Gloria Cruz, Millsboro, Delaware; and Denise Bryant, Detroit, Michigan.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 1211–1213 were introduced. Page H1477

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

Filed on March 19, H.R. 472, to amend title 13, United States Code, to require the use of postcensus local review as part of each decennial census (H. Rept. 106–71); and

H. Res. 101, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 106–72). Page H1477

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Emergency Management. Testimony was heard from Michael Walker, Deputy Director, FEMA; and public witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings on a proposal to support family care givers, 9 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Army and Air Force programs, 10 a.m., SD–116.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Labor, 11 a.m., SD–562.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, 2 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on the pro-

liferation threat and the programs and policies of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy to counter this threat, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine management challenges at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings on pending trade legislation related to steel imports relating to, H.R. 975, H.R. 1120, S. 61, S. 261, S. 395, and S. 528, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings on Sudan's humanitarian crisis and the United States response, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to reexamine the policies between the United States and China, 12 p.m., SD–419.

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

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings on securities fraud on the internet, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings on Elder Abuse, 2 p.m., SD–430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings on issues relating to internet gambling, 10 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fiscal Year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program, 1 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Military Training Report, 3 p.m., H–144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Departmental Management Panel, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting and National Education Goals Panel, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Superfund Program, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, oversight hearing on the OSHA, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on “HUD Losing \$1 Million Per Day: Promised ‘Reforms’ Slow in Coming”, 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Sierra Leone: Prospects for Peace and Stability, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Leveling the Playing Field and Opening Markets: Negotiating a WTO Agricultural Agreement, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up Foreign Relations Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000–2001, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, joint oversight hearing on Secretarial powers under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976: excessive use of Sec. 204 withdrawal

authority by the Administration, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on “NEPA Parity”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and H.R. 472, Local Census Quality Control Act, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on the U.S. Fire Administration Authorization for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on barriers to minority entrepreneurship, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Pension Issues, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the trade provisions of H.R. 984, Caribbean and Central American Relief and Economic Stabilization Act, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Overhead (Satellite) Collection, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 23

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 544, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 81) to occur at 2:15 p.m.

Also, Senate could begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 23

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of suspensions (13 Bills):

(1) H.R. 70—Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act;

(2) S. 314—Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act;

(3) H.R. 751—Designating the Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse;

(4) H.R. 130—Designating the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse;

(5) H. Con. Res. 52—Authorizing the Use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for Performances Sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;

(6) H. Con. Res. 50—Authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run To Be Run Through the Capitol Grounds;

(7) H. Con. Res. 44—Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service;

(8) H. Con. Res. 47—Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby;

(9) H.R. 416—Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act;

(10) H. Res. 99—Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Regarding the Human Rights Situation in Cuba;

(11) H. Con. Res. 56—Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act;

(12) H. Con. Res. 37—Concerning Anti-Semitic Statements Made by Members of the Duma of the Russian Federation; and

(13) H. Res. 121—Affirming the Congress' Opposition to all Forms of Racism and Bigotry;

Consideration of H. Res. 101—Providing Amounts for the Expenses of Certain Committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

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