

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, and agreed to Military Air Operations Authorization Resolution.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3065-S3157*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 678-692, S. Res. 72-73, and S. Con. Res. 21-22. **Pages S3122-23**

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

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, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-34)

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations". (S. Rept. No. 106-35)

H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center.

S. Res. 54, condemning the escalating violence, the gross violation of human rights and attacks against civilians, and the attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone.

S. Res. 68, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

S. 688, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. **Pages S3121-22**

### Measures Passed:

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Senate passed S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1999, after taking action on the following amendments: **Pages S3065-94, S3103-09**

Adopted:

Stevens (for Bingaman/Bond) Amendment No. 125, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of the sequential billing policy in making payments to home health agencies under the medicare program. **Pages S2077-78**

Stevens (for Leahy/Jeffords/Collins) Amendment No. 126, to appropriate an additional amount to promote the recovery of the apple industry in New England, with an offset. **Pages S3077-78**

Stevens (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 127, to provide adversely affected crop producers with additional time to make fully informed risk management decisions for the 1999 crop year. **Pages S3077-78**

Gramm Amendment No. 128, to eliminate any emergency designations from the bill and provide additional offsets from unused fiscal year 1999 emergency spending. **Pages S3078-80**

Gramm Amendment No. 129 (to Amendment No. 128), to eliminate any emergency designations from the bill. **Pages S3078-80**

Murkowski Amendment No. 130, to maintain existing marine activities in Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska. (By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 56), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

**Pages S3080-85, S3088-89, S3108-09**

Robb Amendment No. 131, to authorize payments in settlement of claims for deaths arising from the accident involving a United States Marine Corps A-6 aircraft on February 3, 1998, near Cavalese, Italy. **Page S3085-88**

Stevens (for Helms) Amendment No. 132, to appropriate, with a rescission, funds for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens (for Grassley) Amendment No. 133, to make available certain funds for regional applications programs at the University of Northern Iowa consistent with the direction in the report to accompany

Public Law 105-277, and to reduce the amount of certain rescinded funds under the heading Operations, Research and Facilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens Amendment No. 134, to allow military technicians while deployed to receive per diem expenses. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens Amendment No. 135, to provide funds for the construction of the Pike's Peak Summit House, and for the Borough of Ketchikan to participate in a study of the feasibility and dynamics of manufacturing veneer products in Southeast Alaska. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 136, to provide for a limitation on certain fishing permits or authorizations. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens (for Daschle) Amendment No. 137, to provide that the Corps of Engineers is directed to reprogram certain funds made available for the operation of the Pick-Sloan project to perform the preliminary work needed to transfer Federal lands to the tribes and State of South Dakota, and to provide funds for the protection of certain Indian cultural sites. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens Amendment No. 138, to provide limited operational leasing authority to the Secretary of the Air Force. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens (for Enzi/Bingaman) Amendment No. 139, to provide emergency relief to the livestock industry. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 140, to provide emergency relief to the domestic oil and gas industry. **Pages S3104-06**

Stevens (for Domenici) Amendment No. 141, to establish an emergency oil and gas guaranteed loan program. **Pages S3104-06**

Withdrawn:

Hutchison Amendment No. 81, to set forth restrictions on deployment of United States Armed Forces in Kosovo. **Pages S3065-77, S3109**

Subsequently, 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, fell when Amendment No. 81 (listed above) was withdrawn. **Pages S3065-77, S3109**

Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 142, to provide that the presiding officer of the Senate should apply all precedents of the Senate under rule 16, in effect at the conclusion of the 103rd Congress. **Page S3106**

Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 113, to provide for a limitation on certain fishing permits or authorizations. (By unanimous consent, Senate vitiated the adoption of Amendment No. 113 which occurred on Thursday, March 18, 1999, and was subsequently withdrawn.) **Page S3103**

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

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 55), 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 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 S3076-77**

**Military Air Operations Authorization:** By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 57), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the President of the United States to conduct military air operations and missile strikes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). **Pages S3110-19**

**Robert C. Weaver Federal Building:** Senate passed S. 67, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building". **Pages S3153-55**

**Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 437, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 338 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse". **Pages S3153-55**

**Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building:** Senate passed S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building". **Pages S3153-55**

**Robert K. Rodibaugh U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse:** Senate passed S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse". **Pages S3153-55**

**Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse:** Senate passed H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3153-55**

**James F. Battin U.S. Courthouse:** Senate passed H.R. 158, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the “James F. Battin Federal Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Richard C. White Federal Building:** Senate passed H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the “Richard C. White Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building:** Senate passed H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the “Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**El Salvador Free Elections:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999.

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**Congressional Budget—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, on Wednesday, March 24, 1999.

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

Gary L. Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2001.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Communications:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—57)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 24, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3556.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

### APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY/AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Army and Air Force military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; and Ruby B. Demesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Rita Colwell, Director, and Eamon M. Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board, both of the National Science Foundation; and Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

### PROLIFERATION THREATS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on the proliferation threat and the programs and policies of the Department of Defense and Department of Energy to counter this threat, after receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Department of Energy; Edward L. Warner, III, Assistant Secretary for Strategy and Threat Reduction, Jay Davis, Director, Defense Threat Reduction

Agency, and Robert Joseph, Director, Counterproliferation Center, National Defense University (Fort McNair), all of the Department of Defense; Kenneth Alibek, Battelle Memorial Institute, Arlington, Virginia; David A. Kay, Center for Counterterrorism, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia; and Siegfried S. Hecker, Los Alamos National Laboratories, Los Alamos, Texas.

#### HUD MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on management challenges affecting the Department of Housing and Urban Development, focusing on HUD's continued reclassification as a "high-risk" agency by the General Accounting Office, after receiving testimony from Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Susan M. Gaffney, Inspector General, and Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### STEEL IMPORT IMPACT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine the impact of the steel import surge on the United States market and industry, the Administration's response, and related measures, including 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.R. 1120, to modify the standards for responding to import surges under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, to establish mechanisms for import monitoring and the prevention of circumvention of United States trade laws, and to strengthen the enforcement of United States trade remedy laws, S. 61, to eliminate disincentives to fair trade conditions, S. 261, to repeal the requirement that the cause of serious injury (or threat) be substantial to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with an article that is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities with respect to the President taking action to facilitate efforts by such industry to make a positive adjustment to the import competition, S. 395, to ensure that the volume of steel imports does not exceed the average monthly volume of such imports during the 36-month period preceding July 1997, and S. 528, to provide for a private right of action in the case of injury from the importation of certain dumped and subsidized merchandise, receiving testimony from Senators DeWine and Specter; Representatives Houghton and Levin; Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce;

Curtis H. Barnette, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; George Becker, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Thomas G. Belot, Vollrath Company, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on behalf of the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers; Joseph A. Cannon, Geneva Steel Corporation, Vineyard, Utah; David L. Daniel, Quality Tubing, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Jack B. Porter, Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, Illinois, on behalf of the Emergency Committee for American Trade.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### SUDAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on African Affairs held hearings on Sudan's humanitarian crisis and the United States response, focusing on road repair, food distribution and self-reliance, health care, expanding the cease-fire, and political recommendations, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development; and Roger Winter, U.S. Committee for Refugees, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### U.S.-CHINA POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs held hearings to reexamine United States and China policy issues, receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 579, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to target assistance to support the economic and political independence of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia;

An original bill (S. 688) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation;

S. Res. 26, relating to Taiwan's Participation in the World Health Organization, with amendments;

S. Res. 54, condemning the escalating violence, the gross violation of human rights and attacks against civilians, and the attempt to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone;

S. Res. 73, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999;

S. Con. Res. 17, concerning the 20th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, with amendments;

H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center;

H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act;

S. Res. 68, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan;

The Convention on Nuclear Safety done at Vienna on September 20, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-6), with six conditions and two understandings;

Protocols to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: the amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or the Amended Mines Protocol); the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III or the Incendiary Weapons Protocol); and the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) (Treaty Doc. 105-1) with one reservation, nine understandings and thirteen conditions; and

The nominations of Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom; William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal States of Micronesia; Kent M. Wiedemann, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia; Mary A. Ryan for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period; Richard L. Baltimore, III, for promotion to the Class of Minister-Counselor, Senior Foreign Service of the Department of State; and a foreign service officer promotion list received in the Senate on March 2, 1999.

#### INTERNET SECURITIES FRAUD

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings to examine federal and State enforcement efforts to combat securities fraud on the Internet, focusing on penny stock fraud, and the adequacy of federal and State consumer education programs, receiving testimony from Richard H. Walker, Director, Division of Enforcement, Securities and Exchange Commission; Peter C. Hildreth, Concord, New Hampshire, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.; and G. Philip Rutledge, Pennsylvania Securities Commission, Harrisburg.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### INTERNET GAMBLING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on issues relating to Internet gambling, including youth gamblers, addiction, bankruptcy, unfair payout, crime, the Wire Act, and the proposed Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, after receiving testimony from Wisconsin Attorney General James E. Doyle, Madison; Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery, Columbus; James R. Hurley, New Jersey Casino Control Commission, Atlantic City; Jeffrey Pash, National Football League, New York, New York; Bill Saum, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Overland Park, Kansas; and Marianne McGettigan, Major League Baseball Players Association, Portland, Maine.

#### AUTHORIZATION—ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Older Americans Act, focusing on elder abuse prevention provisions, the Preventing Elder Financial Exploitation project, Medicaid Fraud Control Units, and the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Stephen J. Schneider, Oregon Department of Human Resources, Salem; Paul D. Hodge, National Healthcare Law Enforcement Alliance, Providence, Rhode Island; Lisa Heermans, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Joint Office of Citizen Complaints, Dayton, Ohio; Bob Fuecker, Child Abuse Unit, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Crownsville, Maryland; and Barbara Sue Faries Sipos, Loveland, Colorado.

#### FAMILY CAREGIVERS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the National Family Caregiver Support Program, a proposal to bolster support for family caregivers who provide long-term care for relatives with chronic illnesses or disabilities, after receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Ohio State Representative Barbara H. Boyd, Columbus; Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging, Richard Browdie, Harrisburg; Donna K. Harvey, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Waterloo, Iowa; and Stuart Awbrey, Westfield, New Jersey.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 1214–1241; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 67, and H. Res. 126–128 were introduced. **Pages H1595–97**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (H. Rept. 106–73);

H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 106–74 Part 1);

H.R. 154, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, amended (H. Rept. 106–75); and

H. Res. 125, providing for consideration of H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–76). **Page H1594**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1479**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H1480**

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hoyer, Markey, Cardin, and Slaughter to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. **Page H1481**

**United States Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Lantos and Frost to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. **Page H1481**

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

**Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act:** The House passed S. 314, to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H1488–90**

**Small Business Investment Company Technical Corrections:** Concurred in the Senate amendment to 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—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H1490–91**

**Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse:** H.R. 751, amended, 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." Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H1492–93**

**Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse:** 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;" **Pages H1493–95**

**Performances Sponsored by the Kennedy Center on the Capitol Grounds:** 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; **Page H1496**

**Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run:** H. Con. Res. 50, authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; **Pages H1496–97**

**National Peace Officers' Memorial Service:** H. Con. Res. 44, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; **Pages H1497–99**

**Greater Washington Soap Box Derby:** H. Con. Res. 47, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H1499–H1500**

**Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections:** H.R. 416, amended, to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees; **Pages H1500–10**

**International Conference on Population and Development:** H. Res. 118, reaffirming the principles of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development with respect to the sovereign rights of countries and the right of voluntary and informed consent in family planning programs; **Pages H1510–25**

**Human Rights in Cuba:** H. Res. 99, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the human rights situation in Cuba; **Pages H1525–31**

**Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS Supplemental Endorsement:** H.R. 1212, amended, to protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year; **Pages H1538–40**

**Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility:** H.R. 70, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery (passed by a ye and nay vote of 428 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 61); **Pages H1483–88, H1547–48**

**20th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations:** H. Con. Res. 56, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 429 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 62); and **Pages H1531–35, H1548**

**Anti-Semitic Statements:** H. Con. Res. 37, amended, concerning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the Duma of the Russian Federation (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 63). **Pages H1535–38, H1548–49**

**Suspension—Failed:** The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 121, affirming the Congress’ opposition to all forms of racism and bigotry by a ye and nay vote of 254 yeas to 152 nays with 24 voting “present,” Roll No. 60, with two-thirds required for passage. **Pages H1541–47**

**Education Flexibility Partnership Act:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H1549–56, H1567**

Appointed as conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce: Representatives Goodling, Hoekstra, Castle, Greenwood, Souder, Schaffer, Clay, Kildee, George Miller of California, and Payne. **Page H1567**

By a ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 64, rejected the Clay motion to instruct conferees to disagree to sections 6(b), 7(b), 9(b), and 11(b) of the Senate amendment, (adding new subsections to the end of section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act of 1999), which is necessary to ensure the first year of funding to hire 100,000 new teachers to reduce class sizes in the early grades; and to agree that additional funding be authorized to be appropriated under sections 8 and 10 of the Senate amendment for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, but not by reducing funds for class size reduction as proposed in sections 6(b), 7(b), 9(b), and 11(b) of the Senate amendment. **Pages H1549–56**

**House Committee Expenses:** The House agreed to H. Res. 101, providing amounts for the expenses of

certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixth Congress, by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 66. **Pages H1556–67**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H1564**

By a ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 65, rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the resolution to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report promptly back to the House a resolution identical to the text of H. Res. 101, as amended by the House, except to strike sections 1, 2, and 3 dealing with committee expenses, first session limitations and second session limitations and insert a substitute text allocating one-third of the amounts to the minority and to strike section 6 dealing with the reserve fund and insert a substitute text allocating one-third to the minority. **Pages H1564–66**

**Citizen Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House passed H.J. Res. 26, H.J. Res. 27, and H.J. Res. 28, providing for the reappointments of Barber B. Conable, Jr., Dr. Hanna H. Gray, and Wesley S. Williams, Jr. as citizen regents of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution respectively. **Pages H1567–68**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H1481.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1598.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1546–47, H1547–48, H1548, H1548–49, H1555–56, H1566, and H1567. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: H. Lee Buchanan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; and Lt. Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Marine Corps.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Civil Works); Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Chief, Corps of Engineers; Maj. Gen. Russell L. Fuhrman, USA, Director of Civil Works; and Thomas F. Caver, Jr., Chief, Programs Management Division, Directorate of Civil Works.

#### **FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Military Training Report. Testimony was heard from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and Eric D. Newsom, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

#### **INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Indian Health Service. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Departmental Management Panel and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting and National Education Goals Panel. Testimony was heard from Patricia Lattimore, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; John Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services; Marshall S. Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; Kenneth P. Boehne, Chief Financial Officer, Railroad Retirement Board; John Dyer, Principal Deputy Commissioner, SSA, and public witnesses.

#### **VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

#### **SUPERFUND PROGRAM**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the Superfund Program. Testimony was heard from Tim Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and

Emergency Response, EPA; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

#### **WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lazio and Waxman; Sally Richardson, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Anthony A. Williams, Mayor, District of Columbia; Roger Auerbach, Administrator, Senior and Disabled Services Division, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—OSHA**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held an oversight hearing on the OSHA. Testimony was heard from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

#### **HUD—REFORMS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "HUD Losing \$1 Million Per Day: Promised 'Reforms' Slow in Coming". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Nancy H. Cooper, District Inspector General, Audit; and William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner; Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **SIERRA LEONE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Sierra Leone: Prospects for Peace and Stability. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **NEGOTIATING WTO AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Leveling the Playing Field and Opening Markets: Negotiating a WTO Agricultural Agreement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1211, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—FLAG DESECRATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Lewis of Georgia, Sweeney and Gilchrest; former Representative David Skaggs of Colorado; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## OVERSIGHT—NEPA PARITY

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on "NEPA Parity". Testimony was heard from Sandra Key, Associate Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

## EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. The rule waives clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring the three-day availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill) and section 302 (prohibiting consideration of a committee's legislation providing new budget authority until that committee has filed its 302(b) report and consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a subcommittee's 302(b) allocations of such authority) and section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) of the Congressional Budget Act against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill be open to amendment by paragraph.

The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill and prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation) against provision in the bill. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report accompanying the rule and

provides that the amendment shall be offered only by a Member designated in the report or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule permits the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to grant priority in recognition to members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration. 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.

The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation) and section 302(c) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of a committee's legislation providing new budget authority until that committee has filed its 302(b) report) against all amendments during the consideration of this bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Hansen, Obey, Edwards, Waters and Bentsen.

## LOCAL CENSUS QUALITY CONTROL ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Heard testimony from Representatives Miller of Florida, Maloney of New York, Millender-McDonald and Gonzalez, but action was deferred on H.R. 472, Local Census Quality Control Act.

## U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the U.S. Fire Administration Authorization for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001. Testimony was heard James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA; Karen Brown, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

## BARRIERS TO MINORITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on barriers to minority entrepreneurship. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PENSION ISSUES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Pension Issues. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant

Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Leslie Kramerich, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor; David M. Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and public witnesses.

### CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN RELIEF AND ECONOMIC STABILIZATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the trade provisions of H.R. 984, Caribbean and Central American Relief and Economic Stabilization Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Graham; Representative Kolbe; Richard W. Fisher, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Alan P. Larson, Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; from the following Ambassadors to the United States: Bernardo Vega, Dominican Republic; Francisco X. Aguirre-Sacasa, Nicaragua; Rene A. Leon, Republic of El Salvador; and Jaime Darenblum, Costa Rica; and public witnesses.

### BUDGET: OVERHEAD (SATELLITE) COLLECTION

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Overhead (Satellite) Collection. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings on, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, and the Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of the Justice, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the future years defense program, 10 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 Army modernization, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine littoral force protection and power projection in the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine fee collection policies under the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine nuclear waste storage and disposal policy, including S. 608, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area; S. 338, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in units of the Department of the Interior; and S. 568, to allow the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities in a site or resource under their jurisdictions, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings on voluntary activities to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on Colombia's threat to United States interests and regional security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings on issues relating to the European Union, focusing on internal reform, enlargement, and a common foreign policy, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings on S. 399, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings on the effect of State ethics rules on federal law enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings on campaign contribution limits, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, joint hearing to Review the EPA's proposed Plant Pesticide Rule, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on Bureau of the Census, 9:30 a.m., and on Immigration and Naturalization Service, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., and, executive, on Special Access Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Corporation for National and Community Service; the National Mediation Board; and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Institute of Peace; the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and Occupational Safety and the Health Review Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Office of Science and Technology Policy; and on Department of Defense-Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on bank lending and other transactions with hedge funds, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on America's Health: Protecting Patients' Access to Quality Care and Information, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, oversight hearing on Mexican Counternarcotics Efforts: Are We Getting Full Cooperation? 1:30 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "Should Agencies Be Allowed To Keep Americans In The Dark About Regulatory Costs and Benefits?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing on the Anthrax Vaccine Inoculation Program, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on U.S. Policy Towards North Korea and the Pending Perry Review, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on U.S.-Cuba Relations: Where Are We and Where Are We Heading? 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to consider the following: H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act; H.R. 769, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; H.R. 1189, to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code; H.R. 1027, Satellite Television Improvement Act; H.R. 46, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 1999; H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999; proposed Immigration Subcommittee Rules of Procedure for private immigration bills and private claims bills; and other pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999; H.R. 916, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code; and H.R. 462, to clarify that government pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H. Con. Res. 68, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on Home Page Tax Repeal Act, 4 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Results Act Implementation, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Range Modernization, Part 1, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, joint hearing on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive hearing on Counterintelligence and Chinese Espionage Issues at Department of Energy Laboratories, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### 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 American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 24

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1141, Supplemental Appropriations (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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