

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.
The House agreed to H. Res. 130, expressing support for the U.S. Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3159–S3308

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 693–712, and S. Res. 74. Page S3246

Measures Passed:

National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 53, to designate March 24, 1999, as "National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day", and the resolution was then agreed. Pages S3180–82

Chapter 12 U.S.C. Extension: Senate passed H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3299

Small Business Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 774, to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S3299–S3300

Smithsonian Board of Regents Appointment: Senate passed H.J. Res. 26, providing for the reappointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3300

Smithsonian Board of Regents Appointment: Senate passed H.J. Res. 27, providing for the reappointment of Dr. Hanna H. Gray as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3300

Smithsonian Board of Regents Appointment: Senate passed H.J. Res. 28, providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3300

Support for Armed Forces in Yugoslavia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 74, expressing the support of the Senate for the members of the United States Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Page S3300

Congressional Budget: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S3161–80, S3182–S3240, S3301–08

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 58), Abraham Amendment No. 143, to express the sense of Congress on the protection of Social Security surpluses for current and future beneficiaries. Pages S3177–80 S3182–86, S3195

Smith (of Oregon)/Sarbanes Amendment No. 152, to express the sense of the Senate on providing adequate funding for United States international leadership. Pages S3218–20

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 60), Ashcroft Amendment No. 145, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not directly invest the social security trust funds in private financial markets. Pages S3197–99, S3225

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 63), Johnson Amendment No. 153, to increase funding in fiscal year 2000 for veterans health care by taking

an across-the-board cut in all discretionary programs, except for veterans and defense.

Pages S3220–23, S3226–27

Collins Amendment No. 159, to express the sense of the Senate on Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) funding and the States.

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Rejected:

Bond Amendment No. 151, in the nature of a substitute. (By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3214–18, S3226

Pending:

Specter/Harkin Amendment No. 157, to provide for funding of biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health.

Pages S3223–25, S3228–31

Craig Amendment No. 146, to modify the pay-as-you-go requirement of the budget process to require that direct spending increases be offset only with direct spending decreases.

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Dodd Amendment No. 160, to increase the mandatory spending in the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$7.5 billion over five years, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut and leaves adequate room in the revenue instructions for targeted tax cuts that help families with the costs of caring for their children, and that such relief would assist all working families with employment related child care expenses, as well as families in which one parent stays home to care for an infant.

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Voinovich Amendment No. 161, to use on-budget surplus to repay the debt instead of tax cuts.

Pages S3234–36

Reed Amendment No. 162, to provide for certain Federal revenues, total new budget authority, and total budget outlays.

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Crapo/Grams Amendment No. 163, to create a reserve fund to lock in additional non-Social Security surplus in the outyears for tax relief and/or debt reduction.

Pages S3238–40

Graham Amendment No. 164, to express the sense of the Senate that funds recovered from any Federal tobacco-related litigation should be set-aside for the purpose of first strengthening the medicare trust fund and second to fund a medicare prescription drug benefit.

Pages S3301–03

Graham Amendment No. 165, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the President should offset inappropriate emergency funding from fiscal year 1999 in fiscal year 1999.

Pages S3303–05

Lautenberg Amendment No. 166, to express the sense of the Senate on saving Social Security and Medicare, reducing the public debt, and targeting tax relief to middle-income working families.

Pages S3305–06

Lautenberg (for Schumer) Amendment No. 167, to express the sense of the Senate that the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program should be reauthorized in order to provide continued Federal funding for the hiring, deployment, and retention of community law enforcement officers.

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Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 168, to express the sense of the Senate regarding school construction grants, and reducing school sizes and class sizes.

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Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 169, to express the sense of the Senate on the social promotion of elementary and secondary school students.

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Lautenberg (for Reid) Amendment No. 170, to express the sense of the Senate regarding social security "notch babies", those individuals born between the years 1917 and 1926.

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 171, to ensure that the President's after school initiative is fully funded for fiscal year 2000.

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Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 172, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by ten billion dollars, leaving adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools.

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Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 173, to express the sense of the Senate on women and Social Security reform.

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Lautenberg (for Hollings) Amendment No. 174, to continue Federal spending at the current services baseline levels and pay down the Federal debt.

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 175, to ensure that the substantial majority of any income tax cuts go to middle and lower income taxpayers.

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

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the consideration of the following amendments:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 59), Lautenberg Amendment No. 144, to ensure that Congress saves Social Security and strengthens Medicare before using projected budget surpluses for new spending or tax breaks.

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By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 61), Conrad Amendment No. 147, to use any Federal budget surplus to save Social Security and Medicare first.

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Subsequently, a point of order that the amendments were in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendments thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the budget resolution and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, March 25, 1999.

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A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the budget resolution on Thursday, March 25, 1999, there be 10 hours remaining.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the Convention on Nuclear Safety done at Vienna on September 20, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-6). (Exec. Rept. No. 106-1)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period:

Mary A. Ryan, of Texas.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Haskell Alsup, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

J. Rich Leonard, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Carlos Murguia, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Marsha J. Pechman, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—63). Pages S3195-96, S3225-26

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:24 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page 3301.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice.

APPROPRIATIONS—SECRETARY OF THE SENATE/SERGEANT AT ARMS/CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate; James W. Ziglar, Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper; and Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army modernization, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; and Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, USARNG, Director, Army National Guard.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded 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, receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Patrick T. Henry, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Carolyn H. Becraft, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment; Lt. Gen. David H. Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower and Personnel; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel.

FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings to examine littoral force protection and power projection in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Rear Adm. John B. Nathman, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division; Rear Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Director, Surface Warfare Division; Rear Adm. Robert C. Williamson, USN, Director, Office of Program Appraisal; Maj. Gen. Dennis T. Krupp, USMC, Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division; and Brig. Gen. Jan C. Huly, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations.

SEC FEE COLLECTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine the fee collections and funding structure of the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, focusing on registration, transaction, and merger and tender offers fees, after receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities Exchange Commission; Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Lee Korins and Arthur Kearney, both of the Security Traders Association, and Robert Seijas, Specialist Association of the New York Stock Exchange, all of New York, New York.

NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE/DISPOSAL

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine nuclear waste storage and disposal policy, including S. 608, to direct the Secretary of Energy to develop an integrated management system for spent nuclear fuel and high level nuclear waste, focusing on a disposal management

system, an interim storage facility, user fee collection, and the geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, after receiving testimony from Senators Grams, Reid, and Bryan; Representatives Gibbons and Berkley; Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; John G. Strand, Michigan Public Service Commission, Lansing, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Erle Nye, Texas Utilities Company, Dallas, on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute; and Michael Mariotte, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Stephen Saunders, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Jack Craven, Director of Lands, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks and Conservation Association, Clark Rector, Jr., American Advertising Federation, and Daniel L. Jaffe, Association of National Advertisers, Inc. all of Washington, D.C.; Matthew Miller, Association of Independent Commercial Producers, Inc., New York, New York; Victor S. Perlman, American Society of Media Photographers, Inc., Princeton Junction, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Society of Media Photographers and North American Nature Photography Association; and Marlene Zanetell, Gunnison County, Colorado.

VOLUNTARY GREENHOUSE GAS MITIGATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine voluntary greenhouse gas mitigation activities issues, including actions and programs in the United States, issues related to the design of a voluntary action crediting program, and S. 547, to authorize the President to enter into agreements to provide regulatory credit for voluntary early action to mitigate potential environmental impacts from greenhouse gas emissions, after receiving testimony from Eileen Claussen, Pew

Center on Global Climate Change, and Tia Nelson, Nature Conservatory, both of Arlington, Virginia; Dale A. Landgren, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Milwaukee; Richard L. Sandor, Environmental Financial Products, Chicago, Illinois; and John Passacantando, Ozone Action, and Raymond Keating, Small Business Survival Committee, both of Washington, D.C.

COLOMBIA THREAT TO U.S. INTERESTS AND SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings on Colombia's threat to United States interests and regional security, focusing on U.S.-Colombia counternarcotics efforts, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Jack Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere, both of the Department of State.

EUROPEAN UNION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings on issues relating to the European Union, focusing on internal reform, enlargement, and a common foreign policy, after receiving testimony from E. Anthony Wayne, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; and Lily Gardner Feldman, Georgetown University Center for German and European Studies, Jeffrey Gedmin, American Enterprise Institute, and Peter W. Rodman, Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom, all of Washington, D.C.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, after receiving testimony from Lawrence E. Walsh, Crowe and Dunlevy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, former Independent Counsel, Iran-Contra Investigation; Samuel Dash, former Chief Counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee and former Ethics Advisor to Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, and Julie R. O'Sullivan, former Assistant Prosecutor—Whitewater Investigation, both of the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth G. Gormley, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CRIME VICTIMS PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, after receiving testimony from Paul G. Cassell, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; Steven J. Twist, VIAD Corp.,

Scottsdale, Arizona; and Beth A. Wilkinson, Latham & Watkins, Washington, D.C.

STATE ETHICS RULES EFFECT ON FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded hearings on the effect of State ethics rules on federal law enforcement, focusing on section 530B of title 28 of the United States Code, which requires Department attorneys to comply with state laws and rules, and local federal court rules, governing attorneys in each State where such attorney engages in that attorney's duties, the Citizens Protection Act, and potential abuse of power, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Zachary W. Carter, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, P. Michael Patterson, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, Richard L. Delonis, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys, all of the Department of Justice; John Smietanka, Law Office of John Smietanka, Grand Rapids, Michigan, former Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General; John R. Justice, Chester, South Carolina, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; G. Andrew McKay, DSFX, International, Washington, DC, on behalf of the American Corporate Counsel Association; and Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr., University of Pennsylvania American Law Institute, Philadelphia.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine issues relating to the financing of federal election campaigns, focusing on campaign costs and time, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974, equitable competition for challengers, corruption, the costs of television media, and negative campaigning, receiving testimony from former Senator Dan Coats, Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson, and Hand, Washington, DC; Karen Sheridan, SMY Media, Inc., and John R. Lott, Jr., University of Chicago School of Law, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Demaris H. Miller, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INDIAN GAMBLING REGULATORY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 399, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, focusing on minimum standards for Indian gaming nationwide, and fair fee assessments by the National Indian Gaming Commission, after receiving testimony from Montie R. Deer, National Indian Gaming Commission, Raymond C.

Scheppach, National Governors' Association, and Richard G. Hill, National Indian Gaming Association, all of Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 1243–1280; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 41–43, H. Con. Res. 69–77, and H. Res. 129, 130, 132, were introduced.

Pages H1694–97

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 131, providing for consideration of 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. 106–77);

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by a yeas and nays vote of 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 70.

Pages H1607–60

Rejected:

Stenholm amendment that sought to strike language that requires the entire additional amount for Farm Service Agency salaries and expenses to be designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement (rejected by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 345 noes with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 67);

Pages H1626–31

Obey amendment made in order by the rule and printed in House Report 106–76 that sought to strike funding rescissions used as offsets from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Callable Capital Account for Multilateral Development Banks, and Export-Import Bank; and

Pages H1631–45

Tiahrt amendment numbered 4 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to fully offset the emergency supplemental appropriations bill by increasing the rescission in the Callable Capital Account for Multilateral Development Banks by \$195 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 69).

Pages H1647–55

Points of order sustained against:

The Stenholm amendment that sought to strike language on pages 2 through 13 that requires the funding amounts to be designated by the Congress

as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended;

Pages H1625–26

The Bentsen amendment numbered 1 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to release from detention any criminal alien subject to mandatory detention pending removal from the United States; and

Pages H1657–58

The Burton amendment numbered 2 and printed in the Congressional Record that sought to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make available funds and enter into agreements to make payments for the settlement of claims arising from the deaths caused by a Marine Corps helicopter at a ski area near Cavalese, Italy.

Pages H1658–59

H. Res. 125, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H1604–07

President's Export Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Ewing, English, and Pickering to the President's Export Council.

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Support for Members of the Armed Forces Engaged in Military Operations: The House agreed to H. Res. 130, expressing support of the House of Representatives for the members of the United States Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 71.

Pages H1660–69

Extension of Airport Improvement Program: S. 643, to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1669–70

Select Committee re Military/Commercial Concerns with China: The House agreed to H. Res. 129, extending the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China until April 30, 1999.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1599.

Referrals: S. 437, to designate the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse" and S. 460, to designate the "Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse" were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1630–31, H1644–45, H1654–55, H1660, and H1668–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EPA'S PROPOSED PLANT PESTICIDE RULE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops and the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a joint hearing to review the EPA's proposed Plant Pesticide Rule. Testimony was heard from James V. Aidala, Associate Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on Bureau of the Census and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Special Access Programs. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Com-

munity Service; the National Mediation Board; the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; the U.S. Institute of Peace; the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; and Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, President, Corporation for National and Community Service; Magdalena G. Jacobson, Chairwoman, National Mediation Board; C. Richard Barnes, Director Designee, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Richard H. Solomon, President, U.S. Institute of Peace; and Mary Lu Jordan, Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy, and on the Department of Defense-Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army. Testimony was heard from Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of Defense.

HEDGE FUNDS—BANK LENDING AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittees on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on bank lending and other transactions with hedge funds. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Reserve System: Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors; and William J. McDonough, President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and Michael J. Brosnan, Deputy Comptroller, Department of the Treasury.

AMERICA'S HEALTH: PROTECTING PATIENTS' ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on America's Health: Protecting Patients' Access to Quality Care and Information. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—MEXICAN COUNTER NARCOTICS EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Mexican Counter narcotics Efforts: Are We Getting Full Cooperation? Testimony was heard from Jeff Weitzman, Canine Enforcement Officer, Orlando Field Division, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Thereon Bowman, Chief of Police, Arlington, Texas; and public witnesses.

REGULATORY COSTS AND BENEFITS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "Should Agencies Be Allowed To Keep Americans In The Dark About Regulatory Costs and Benefits?" Testimony was heard from Representative Bliley; G. Edward DeSeve, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ANTHRAX VACCINE INOCULATION PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held an oversight hearing on the Anthrax Vaccine Inoculation Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, USA; Deputy Surgeon General Todd Fisher, USN; and Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, II, USAF; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS NORTH KOREA—PENDING PERRY REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy Towards North Korea and the Pending Perry Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Cuba-Relations: Where Are We and Where Are We Heading? Testimony was heard from Michael Ranneberger, Director, Office of Cuban Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: 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, amended, Satellite Television Improvement Act; H.R. 46, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 1999; and H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999,

The Committee also approved proposed Immigration Subcommittee Rules of Procedure for private immigration bills and private claims bills and other pending Committee business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following bills: 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.

The Subcommittee also began markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on 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, providing three hours of general debate with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton and Representative Stark. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule considers the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report as adopted upon adoption of the resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report to be offered only in the order specified, only by the Member designated, debatable for forty minutes each equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except that if an amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted, it is not in order to consider further substitutes. The rule provides that upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate not to exceed ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the chairman of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Budget Act. Finally, the rule suspends the application of House Rule XXIII (relating to the establishment of the statutory limit on the public debt) with respect to the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Hunter, Dunn, Graham, Spratt, Minge, Clement, Mink, Defazio, Stenholm, John, Filner, Brown of Florida and Guterrez.

HOME PAGE TAX REPEAL ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Home Page Tax Repeal Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Terry; Larry Rudolph, General Counsel, NSF; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET REQUEST—RESULTS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Results Act Implementation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General; John R. Sullivan, Director, Strategic Planning Budget and Program Evaluation, Office of Policy and International Affairs; and Gwendolyn Cowan, Director, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Office of Procurement and Assistance Management, Office of Management and Administration; and Susan D. Kladiva, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

RANGE MODERNIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Range Modernization, Part 1. Testimony was heard from Major Gen. Robert C. Hinson, USAF, Director, Operations, Air Force Space Command, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense; Loren Shriver, Deputy Director, Launch and Payload Operations, Kennedy Space Center, NASA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OIL POLLUTION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint oversight hearing on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Testimony was heard from Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Elaine Davies, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, EPA; David Kennedy, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE—CHINESE ESPIONAGE ISSUES AT LABORATORIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterintelligence and Chinese Espionage Issues at Department of Energy Laboratories. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**VETERANS PROGRAMS**

Joint Meeting: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Cecil Aultman, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; Richard M. Throckmorton, America Ex-Prisoners of War, Arvada, Colorado; George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Norton, Retired Officers Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on the Wye Package and terrorist attacks of United States citizens in Israel, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to receive testimony on alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, 2:15 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on bankruptcy reform proposals focusing on financial services, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on challenges facing the Federal Housing Administration Single Family Insurance Fund, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation dealing with modernizing air traffic control programs, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on issues relating to grade crossing safety, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on satellite reform issues, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nomination of Robert Wayne

Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy), and the nomination of Carolyn L. Huntoon, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management); to be followed by oversight hearings on the economic impacts of Kyoto Protocol to the Framework Convention on Climate Control, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on issues relating to United States-Taiwan relations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold oversight hearings to examine multiple program coordination in early childhood education, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings on issues relating to bioterrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on SBA, 10 a.m., and on Drug Enforcement Programs, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Members of Congress and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, on AID Administrator, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Department of Energy: Conservation, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Council on Disability; the National Commission on Libraries; and the Armed Forces Retirement Home, 10 a.m., and on Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the NLRB, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2000 National Defense authorization budget request, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Technology and Banking, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 851, Save Our Satellites Act of 1999, 10:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on H.R. 1150, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1999, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Expanding Affordable Health Care Coverage: Benefits and Consequences of Association Health Plans, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Latex Allergies and the Healthcare Industry: Do OSHA's Actions Confuse or Clarify? 2:30 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act: Is the FDA Trying to Change the Intent Of Congress?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on "A Record Trade Deficit: How Can the U.S. Government Prevent a Looming Trade Crisis?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on United States Capitol Police Management, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Russian Foreign Policy: Proliferation to Rogue Regimes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up H. Res. 128, condemning the murder of human rights lawyer Rosemary Nelson and calling for the protection of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Patent Reform; and on the Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the benefits to the American Economy of a more educated workforce, 9:45 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, to consider the following: H.R. 209, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1999; H.R. 1184, Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1183, Fastener Quality Act Amendments Act of 1999; and Committee Oversight Agenda for the 106th Congress, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on women's business enterprises, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, oversight hearing on the Office of Motor Carriers, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, oversight hearing on the Veterans Benefits Administration, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs management of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act program, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security's Goals and Criteria for Assessing Reforms, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: All-Source Analysis, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine certain issues concerning the return of property confiscated by fascist and communist regimes to their rightful owners in post-communist Europe, 10 a.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, March 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue 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 Thursday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 68, concurrent resolution on the budget (structured rule, 3 hours of debate).

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