

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Financial Services Modernization Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4821–S4935

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 970–991, and S. Res. 98.

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Measures Passed:

Financial Services Modernization Act: By 54 yeas to 44 nays, 1 member responding present (Vote No. 105), Senate passed S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S4821–45, S4847–78

Adopted:

By 95 yeas to 2 nays, 1 member responding present (Vote No. 102), Gramm Amendment No. 308, to strike a provision relating to a 3-year extension for BIF-member FICO assessments, to provide for financial information privacy protection, and to provide for the establishment of a consumer grievance process by the Federal banking agencies.

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Johnson Modified Amendment No. 309, to prevent the creation of new S&L holding companies with commercial affiliates, and to preserve the authority of existing unitary S&L holding companies. (By 32 yeas to 67 nays, 1 member responding present (Vote No. 103), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Gramm (for Bennett) Modified Amendment No. 310, to benefit municipalities and local securities issuers by permitting banks to purchase municipal revenue bonds and securities in accordance with Section 23B(b)(2) of the Federal Reserve Act.

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Schumer Amendment No. 314, to provide for electronic fund transfer fee disclosures at any host automated teller machines, and to provide for disclo-

sure of possible fees to consumers when ATM cards are issued.

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Levin/Schumer Amendment No. 317, to ensure bank securities activities are regulated by securities regulators.

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Gramm/Sarbanes Amendment No. 318, relating to limitations on the retention of commodity activities and affiliations by bank holding companies.

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Rejected:

Shelby Amendment No. 315, to authorize subsidiaries of national banks to engage in certain financial activities, to protect the safety and soundness of any insured bank that has a financial subsidiary, and to provide for the functional regulation of financial subsidiaries. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays, 1 member responding present (Vote No. 104), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Dorgan Amendment No. 312, to prohibit insured depository institutions and credit unions from engaging in certain activities involving derivative financial instruments.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 313, to subject certain hedge funds to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

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Withdrawn:

Santorum Amendment No. 307, to require the obligations of the Financing Corporation to be paid from certain excess funds of the deposit insurance funds.

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Bryan Amendment No. 316, to give customers notice and choice about how their financial institutions share or sell their personally identifiable sensitive financial information.

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

A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, a report on telecommunications payments to Cuba; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–24).

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A message from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, a report entitled "The State of Small Business" for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Small Business. (PM-25). Pages S4884-86

Juvenile Justice—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, on Tuesday, May 11, 1999. Page S4934

Appointments:

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, appointed Michael K. Young, of Washington, D.C., to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. Page S4934

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Arthur J. Naparstek, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2003.

Ruth Y. Tamura, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

Chang-Lin Tien, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Captain Evelyn J. Fields, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Office of NOAA Corps Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

Joseph Bordogna, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

Captain Nicholas A. Prahl, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Atlantic and Pacific Marine Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 853u.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

15 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. Pages S4934-35

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general. Pages S4934-35

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—105). Pages S4831, S4849-50, S4864, S4878

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:12 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4934.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, focusing on disease research, after receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Hendrix, University of Iowa, Iowa City, on behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology; Brad Margus, Ataxia-Telangiectasia Children's Project, Boca Raton, Florida; Stephen H Smith, American Diabetes Association, Columbia, South Carolina; Stephen Spector, AIDS Policy Center for Children, Youth and Families, San Diego, California; and Purnell Choppin, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Brig. Gen. Harry D. Gatanas, for appointment in the United States Army to the grade of Major General, and 15 nominations for appointment in the Marine Corps to the grade of Brigadier General.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Coastal Zone Management Act, focusing on the President's Lands Legacy Initiative, state coastal programs, coastal community assistance, coastal resource conservation, and the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program, after receiving testimony from Terry D. Garcia, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Sarah W. Cooksey, Delaware Coastal Management Programs, Dover, on behalf of the Coastal States Organization; Tim Eichenberg, Center for Marine Conservation, Washington, D.C.; David Keeley, Maine Coastal Program, Augusta; and Sylvia A. Earle, National Geographic Society, Oakland, California.

PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine the results of the December 1998 political status plebiscite on Puerto Rico, after receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Governor Pedro Rossello, Anibal Acevedo-Vila, President, Popular Democratic Party, Ruben Berrios Martinez, President, Puerto Rican Independence Party, Luis Vega-Ramos, President, PROELA, and Zoraida F. Fonalledas, New Progressive Party, all of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded closed hearings to examine the growing threat of biological weapons, after receiving testimony from John Lauder, Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence for Nonproliferation.

FEDERALISM AND CRIME CONTROL

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on Federalism and crime control, focusing on the increasing Federalization of criminal law and its impact on crime control and the criminal justice system, after receiving testimony from Gilbert S. Merritt, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, Nashville, Tennessee;

North Dakota State Representative John M. Dorso, Bismark, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Edwin Meese III, Heritage Foundation and the ABA Task Force on the Federalization of Criminal Law, Washington, D.C., former Attorney General of the United States; John S. Baker, Jr., Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge; and Gerald B. Lefcourt, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition approved for full committee consideration S. 467, to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act, which would establish time limits on FCC review of telecommunications mergers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on safety programs, after receiving testimony from Senator Campbell; Denise C. Gottfredson, University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park; James A. Fox, Northeastern University College of Criminal Justice, and Paul F. Evans, Boston Police Department, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Karen L. Bierman, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, on behalf of the Fast Track Program; Jan Kuhl, Des Moines Independent School District, Des Moines, Iowa; Kenneth S. Trump, National School Safety and Security Services, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio; Robert Eagan, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and William Strauss, McLean, Virginia.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings on the state of democratization and human rights in Kazakhstan, after receiving testimony from Ross Wilson, Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large/Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for New Independent States; Bolat Nurgaliev, Republic of Kazakhstan Ambassador to the United States; Akezhan Kazhegeldin, Republican People's Party of Kazakhstan, Pyotr Svoik, Kazakhstan's Socialist Party, and Evgeni Zhovtis, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Justice, all of Almaty; and Martha Brill Olcott, Colgate University/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 1714–1739; 2 private bills, H.R. 1740–1741; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52, H. Con. Res. 100–104, and H. Res. 161–164 were introduced. **Pages H2919–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 1999 (H. Rept. 106–128); and

H.R. 209, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions, amended (H. Rept. 106–129 Pt. 1). **Page H2919**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Ronald F. Christian of Washington, D.C. **Page H2815**

Emergency Kosovo Supplemental for Fiscal Year 1999: The House passed H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 by a yeas and nays vote of 311 yeas to 105 nays, Roll No. 120. **Pages H2823–96**

Agreed to:

The Latham amendment that provides \$105.6 million to support farm loans; and **Pages H2841–45**

The Pelosi amendment that increases International Disaster Assistance funding by \$67 million. **Pages H2872–75**

Rejected:

The Coburn amendment that sought to offset funding by requiring an across the board cut of all FY 2000 non-defense discretionary spending equal to the amount in the bill minus the amount of NATO reimbursements and exempts certain programs, including WIC nutrition programs, from the reductions (rejected by a recorded vote of 101 yeas to 322 noes, Roll No. 117); **Pages H2845–49, H2862–63**

The Obey amendment that sought to provide the President's funding request for military operations in Kosovo; increase various defense programs including military pay; provide emergency food assistance; and include funding for various agriculture and disaster relief programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 118); **Pages H2849–62, H2863**

The Souder amendment that sought to strike Sec. 201 that increases Department of Defense funding transfer authority; and **Pages H2867–70**

The Istook amendment that sought to prohibit funding for the implementation of any plan to invade the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with

ground forces, except in time of war (rejected by a recorded vote of 117 yeas to 301 noes, Roll No. 119). **Pages H2879–92**

Withdrawn:

The Souder amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to specify that funding for the Overseas Contingency Operation Transfer Fund shall be available to the extent that the President specifies that the items meet a critical readiness need and designates the entire amount as an emergency requirement; **Page H2865**

The Istook amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to provide \$11.3 million for tornado related damage at Tinker Air Force Base; **Pages H2866–67**

The Fowler amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to provide funding for ES-3 aircraft squadron staffing, aircraft operations and maintenance, and aircraft avionics and spares; **Pages H2871–72**

The Roukema amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to provide \$150 million for humanitarian food assistance. **Pages H2876–77**

The Deutsch amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to provide funding for Central American and Caribbean disaster recoveries. **Pages H2877–79**

The Farr amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to authorize payments for the claims arising from the deaths caused by the accident involving a USAF aircraft on April 3, 1996, near Dubrovnik, Croatia; **Pages H2892–93**

The Rohrabacher amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funds for the use of U.S. Armed Forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro); and **Pages H2893–94**

The Smith amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require that funds borrowed from the Social Security Trust Fund surplus to finance the act be repaid. **Pages H2894–95**

H. Res. 159, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 253 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H2815–23**

Late Report: The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence received permission to have until midnight on May 7 to file a report on H.R. 1555, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. **Page H2896**

Legislative Program: Representative Lazio announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 10. Page H2897

Meeting Hour—Monday, May 10: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 10. Page H2897

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, May 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday for morning-hour debates. Page H2897

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 12. Page H2897

Receiving Former Members of Congress—Thursday, May 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, May 12, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 13 for receiving former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Further agreed that it be in order on Thursday for the Speaker to declare a recess subject to the call of the chair for this purpose. Pages H2897–98

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Telecommunications Payments to Cuba: Message wherein he transmitted his periodic report on telecommunications payments made to Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–59); and Page H2898

State of Small Business: Message wherein he transmitted his fifth annual report on the state of small business—referred to the Committee on Small Business. Pages H2898–H2900

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2815.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2922.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2823, H2862–63, H2863, H2891–92, and H2895. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:35p.m.

Committee Meetings

HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the President's Working Group Study on Hedge Funds. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domes-

tic Finance, Department of the Treasury; Annette L. Nazareth, Director of Market Regulation, SEC; Pat Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Electricity Competition: Market Power, Mergers, and PUHCA. Testimony was heard from A. Douglas Mclamed, Principle Deputy Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Mozelle Thompson, Commissioner, FTC; Isaac C. Hunt, Commissioner, SEC; Douglas W. Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 11, to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State. Testimony was heard from Senator Feinstein; Representatives Franks of New Jersey, and Tauscher; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; from the following officials of the State of California: Winston Hickox, Secretary, Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Agency; and Pam O'Connor, Mayor, San Monica; and public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE QUALITY—IMPACT OF EXTERNAL REVIEW

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Impact of External Review on Health Care Quality. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CRIMINAL FINES, AND RESTITUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on Crime, Criminal Fines, and Restitution: Are Federal Offenders Compensating Victims? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues; and Jan B. Montgomery, Assistant General Counsel.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1552,

amended, Marine Research and Related Environmental Research and Development Programs Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1643, to establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries; H.R. 1651, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such a vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country; H.R. 1652, Yukon River Salmon Act of 1999; and H.R. 1653, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1243, National Marine Sanctuaries Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 34, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 1489, to clarify boundaries on maps related to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; and H.R. 1431, to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Barrier Resources System Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Gary Grazer, Acting Assistant Director, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Jo Ann Howard, Administrator, Federal Insurance Administration, FEMA; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; former Representative Thomas B. Evans, Jr., of Delaware; and public witnesses.

BLACK CANYON NATIONAL PARK AND GUNNISON GORGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1165, Black Canyon National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative McInnis; Stephen Saunders, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board. Testimony was heard from Jim Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

KOSOVO

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Kosovo. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 471)

S. 531, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation. Signed May 4, 1999. (P.L. 106-26)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1999

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 10 through May 15, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will be in a period of morning business.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 254, Juvenile Justice.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 254, Juvenile Justice, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 11, to hold hearings on agricultural trade sanctions, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 12, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 12, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to emerging technologies, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 11, to resume hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people; S. 532, to provide increased funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Urban Parks and Recreation

Recovery Programs, to resume the funding of the State grants program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide for the acquisition and development of conservation and recreation facilities and programs in urban areas; S. 446, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond; S. 819, to provide funding for the National Park System from outer Continental Shelf revenues; and the Administration's Lands Legacy Initiative, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 12, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories. (Hearings may go into a closed session), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the state of Alaska; S. 711, to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill; and S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 13, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to examine fire preparedness on Federal lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 11, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-406.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relating to the Clean Water Action Plan, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: May 12, to hold hearings on Medicare reform, focusing on the key differences between Medicare and other group health insurance programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 11, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on the policies between the United States and China, focusing on business and trade, 10 a.m., SD-562.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings on United States agriculture sanctions policy for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

May 12, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on the state of democracy and the rule of law in the Americas, 3 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 11, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on multiple program coordination in early childhood education, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote

the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government; S. 59, to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits; S. 468, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public; the nomination of Eric T. Washington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; the nomination of Stephen H. Glickman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals; the nomination of Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and the nomination of John T. Spotila, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 12, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title I provisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Richard M. McGahey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 12, to hold oversight hearings on HUBzones implementation, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 12, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 10, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold oversight hearings on the investigation of TWA Flight #800, 1 p.m., SD-226.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings on how to promote a responsive and responsible role for the Federal Government on combating hate crimes, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 12, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, business meeting to consider S. 692, to prohibit Internet gambling, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 12, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine workforce needs of American agriculture, farm workers, and the United States Economy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

May 13, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice's refusal to enforce the Law on Voluntary Confessions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House Chamber

Monday, Pro forma session;

Tuesday, Consideration of suspensions;

Wednesday and the balance of the week, Consideration of H.R. 775, Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act, (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 1555, Intelligence Authorization Act (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1664, Kosovo Emergency Supplemental Appropriations (subject to a rule).

Any Further Program Will Be Announced Later.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, May 12, Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine, to consider recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

May 12, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to consider recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001, 1:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, May 12, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight's proposed Risk-Based Capital Rule, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Regulatory Burden Relief, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, May 11, Social Security Task Force, hearing on Using Long-term Market Investment Strategies to Enhance Social Security Returns, 12 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, May 11, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the NTIA Reauthorization Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on the Role of the Federal Electric Utilities, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Access to Buildings and Facilities by Telecommunications Providers, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 11, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Education Technology under ESEA, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 12, full Committee, hearing on Even Start and Family Literacy Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Computer Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Developing and Maintaining a High-Quality Teacher Force, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 11 and 12, hearings on Johnny Chung: Foreign Connections, Foreign Contributions, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

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