

Tuesday, June 15, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Y2K Act.

The House passed H.R. 1000, Aviation Investment and Reform Act, for the 21st Century.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6975–S7037*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1221–1223, and S. Res. 123. **Page S7026**

#### Measures Passed:

**Y2K Act:** By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 165), Senate passed H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 96, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6975–99**

#### Adopted:

Sessions Amendment No. 623 (to Amendment No. 608), to permit evidence of communications with state and federal regulators to be admissible in class action lawsuits. **Pages S6975, S6995**

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 164), Gregg/Bond Modified Amendment No. 624 (to Amendment No. 608), to provide for the suspension of penalties for certain year 2000 failures by small business concerns. **Pages S6975, S6995–97**

McCain Amendment No. 608, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6975–98**

Subsequently, S. 96 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S6998**

**Senate Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, to authorize representation of Members of the Senate in the case of *Candis Ray v. John Edwards, et al.* **Page S7036**

**Budget Process Reform:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process,

taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6999**

#### Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. **Page S6999**

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6999**

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with instructions and report back forthwith. **Page S6999**

Lott Amendment No. 296 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), to provide for Social Security surplus preservation and debt reduction. **Page S6999**

Lott Amendment No. 297 (to Amendment No. 296), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6999**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 166), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Amendment No. 297 (listed above). **Page S6999**

**Emergency Steel, Oil and Gas Loan Guarantee Program:** Senate began consideration of 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. **Pages S7004–10**

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

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 167), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1664 (listed above).

Pages S6999–S7004

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was agreed to.

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**Energy and Water Development Appropriations, FY2000:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1186, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7010–11, S7017

Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 628, of a technical nature.

Pages S7010–11

**Military Construction Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1205, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, with a vote to occur thereon, on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. Further, that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, the Senate strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of S. 1205, as passed, and the House bill, as amended, be read for a third time and passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Upon passage of the House bill, passage of S. 1205 be vitiated and the bill then be indefinitely postponed.

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**Work Incentives Improvement Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 331, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, with a vote to occur thereon, on Wednesday, June 16, 1999.

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**Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the motion to close further debate on H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms. Page S7017

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

Transmitting the annual report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (PM–37).

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Transmitting a report relative to the Exchange Stabilization Fund; which was referred jointly, pursuant to 31 United States Code 5302, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–38).

Pages S7025–26

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Richard A. Grafmeyer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2000, vice Harlan Mathews, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 1999.

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Notices of Hearings:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—167)

Pages S6996–99, S7004

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7036–37.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

**CROWN JEWEL MINE DECISION**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on issues related to vacating the Record of Decision and denial of a plan of operations for the Crown Jewel Mine in Okanogan County, Washington, after receiving testimony from John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Roger Flynn, Western Mining Action Project, Boulder, Colorado; Roger W. Jeppson, Hale, Lane, Peek, Dennison, Howard and Anderson, Reno, Nevada; Stephen D. Alfers, Alfers and Carver, Denver, Colorado; Danny E. Robertson, Battle Mountain Gold Company, and Mayor Jim Walker, both of Oroville, Washington; David Kliegman, Okanogan Highlands Alliance, Tonafhit, Washington; Joseph A. Pakootas, Colville Business Council, Nespelum, Washington; Gerald L. Shaheen, Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, Illinois; and Stephen D'Esposito, Mineral Policy Center, and Patrick J. Garver, Barrick Resources, (USA) Inc., on behalf of the National Mining Association, both of Washington, D.C.

**STADIUM FINANCING AND FRANCHISE RELOCATION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 952, to expand an antitrust exemption applicable to professional sports leagues and to require, as a condition of such an exemption, participation by professional football and major league baseball sports leagues in the financing of certain stadium construction activities, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts State Representative Thomas M. Finneran, Boston; Connecticut State Senator Edith G. Prague, Columbia; Maryland State Delegate Jean B. Cryor, Annapolis; former Maryland State Delegate D. Bruce Poole, Poole and Poole, Hagerstown; John Moag, Jr., Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland; Andrew Zimbalist, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts; and Mark S. Rosentraub, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indianapolis.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee met and began consideration of the proposed Health Information Confidentiality Act, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 2202–2233; 1 private bill, H.R. 2231; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133, and H. Res. 207–208, were introduced. Pages H4340–42

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

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, amended (H. Rept. 106–174, Part 3);

H. Res. 209, providing for consideration of H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders and H.R. 2122, to require background checks at gun shows (H. Rept. 106–186); and

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania,

to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, and to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park (H. Rept. 106–187). Page H4340

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4225

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes of Washington, D.C. Page H4230

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H4230

**Private Calendar:** Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar. Page H4230

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

**Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act:** H.R. 17, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, and to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity;

Pages H4232–37

**Security Assistance Act:** H.R. 973, amended, to modify authorities with respect to the provision of security assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act;

Pages H4245–52

**Sense of Congress Regarding Sierra Leone:** H. Res. 62, amended, expressing concern over the escalating violence, the gross violations of human rights, and the ongoing attempts to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 205); and

Pages H4237–41, H4254

**Condemning the National Islamic Front of Sudan:** H. Con. Res. 75, amended, condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 206).

Pages H4241–45, H4255

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Commodity Credit Corporation Annual Report:** Message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Agriculture; and

Pages H4252–53

**Exchange Stabilization Fund for Brazil:** Message wherein he transmitted a notification that Exchange Stabilization Fund financing shall be made available to Brazil for more than 6 months—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–82).

Pages H4253–54

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

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**Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century:** The House passed H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, by a recorded vote of 316 yeas to 110 noes, Roll No. 209.

Pages H4260–H4325

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Shuster amendment that incorporates 40 specific provisions including the elimination of slot restrictions at O’Hare, LaGuardia, and Kennedy airports and making available additional slots for new airlines; and the authorization of studies, rules, and procedures regarding air service and safety.

Pages H4294–4300

Rejected:

The Young of Florida amendment that sought to eliminate provisions of the bill that authorize appropriations from the aviation trust fund and move the Airport and Airway Trust Fund off budget (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 248 noes, Roll No. 207);

Pages H4300–09

The Graham amendment that sought to strike provisions of the bill which authorize an increase in Passenger Facility Charges (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 208);

Pages H4311–17

The Moran of Virginia amendment that sought to require that high density airports implement a program to mitigate aviation noise if those airports increase air service; and

Pages H4318–19, H4324

The Hyde amendment that sought to strike provisions of the bill that repeal slot restrictions at O’Hare, LaGuardia, and Kennedy airports and allows for slot increases at Reagan National Airport.

Pages H4320–24

Withdrawn:

The Jackson of Illinois amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to divert 50 percent of the Passenger Facilities Charges collected by Chicago’s airports from the Chicago Airport Authority to the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

Pages H4309–11

The Andrews amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to waive the requirement that airports match funds upon receiving an FAA grant if they enter into an agreement with FEMA or another emergency response agency.

Pages H4317–18

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 206, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 106–185 that adds a new section extending airport and airway trust fund expenditure authority through fiscal year 2004 was considered as adopted.

Pages H4255–60

**Clerk Designation—Deputy Clerk:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Martha C. Morrison, Deputy Clerk; in addition to Gerasimos C. Vans, Assistant to the Clerk, and Daniel J. Strodel,

Assistant to the Clerk; to sign papers and do all other acts under the name of the Clerk in case of his temporary absence or disability. **Page H4325**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:49 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H4230.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4343.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4254, H4255, H4308-09, H4316-17, and H4324-25. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

## Committee Meetings

### DEBT RELIEF

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Debt Relief. Testimony was heard from Tim Geithner, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### PERSONAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS AND ANNUITIES—SECURE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

*Committee on the Budget:* Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Secure Investment Strategies for Personal Retirement Accounts and Annuities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CONSUMER AND INVESTOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### DELINQUENT DEBTS—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "What is the Federal Government Doing to Collect the Billions of Dollars in Delinquent Debts it is Owed?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Donald Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary; and Richard Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Services; Thomas J. Pestka, Director, Debt Collection Services; Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; and Saul Ramirez, Deputy

Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### FUTURE—ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPE

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Future of Our Economic Partnership with Europe. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; David Aaron, Under Secretary International Trade, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported H.R. 1658, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999.

Will continue June 23.

### CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT; MANDATORY GUN SHOW BACKGROUND CHECK ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate confined to the bill and the amendments made in order to H.R. 1501, Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act of 1999, divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in part A of this report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that, except as specified in the resolution, amendments will be considered only in the order specified in part A of this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The amendments printed in part A of this report shall not be subject to amendment, except as specified in part A of this report. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of this report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for consideration of any amendment printed in part A of this report out of the order in which printed, but not sooner than one hour after the chairman of the Judiciary Committee or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. The rule also allows 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 provides one motion to recommit H.R. 1501, with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule provides one hour of general debate confined to the bill and the amendments made in order to H.R. 2122, Mandatory Gun Show Background Check Act of 1999, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority

member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides for consideration of only the amendments printed in part B of this report accompanying the resolution. The rule further provides that amendments will be considered only in the order specified in part B of this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The amendments printed in part B of this report shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of this report. The rule also allows 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 provides one motion to recommit H.R. 2122, with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 1501 the clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2122, as passed by the House as a new matter at the end of H.R. 1501, and then lay H.R. 2122 on the table. On June 14, the Committee heard testimony on this legislation from Chairman Hyde and Representatives McCollum, Barr of Georgia, Hutchinson, Scarborough, Goodling, Roukema, Franks of New Jersey, Kelly, Radanovich, Salmon, Wamp, Schaffer, DeMint, Fletcher, Green of Wisconsin, Hayes, Sweeney, Wilson, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Nadler, Scott, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee, Waters, Delahunt, Wexler, Rothman, Baldwin, Obey, Markey, Dingell, Mink of Hawaii, Frost, Gejdenson, Slaughter, DeLauro, Stupak, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Millender-McDonald, Kucinich, Pascrell, Maloney of Connecticut, Goode, McCarthy of New York, Berkley, Udall of New Mexico, and Udall of Colorado.

#### **PATRIOT ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 659, Protect America's Treasures of the Revolution for Independence for Our Tomorrow Act, providing one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered for amendment by title. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule

provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### **UNINSURED AMERICANS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Uninsured Americans. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ENCRYPTION LEGISLATION**

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

#### **LAUNCH FAILURES AND LAUNCH ISSUES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence held a hearing on Launch Failures and Launch Issues. Testimony was heard from Keith R. Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, CIA; the following officials of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense: Darleen A. Druyan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition and Management; and Brig. Gen. William R. Looney, USAF, Director, Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command; and a public witness.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **HIGH-TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL SUMMIT**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee held hearings to explore issues relating to the High-Technology National Summit, focusing on the impact of recent breakthroughs in computers, software and information networks on the U.S. economy and society, receiving testimony from Richard P. Riley, Secretary of Education; William H. Gates, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Robert Holleyman, Business Software Alliance, Washington, D.C.; William Larson, Network Associates, Santa Clara, California; Eric Schmidt, Novell, Inc., San Jose, California; Jeff Papows, Lotus Development Corporation, and Charles Vest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge; Jeremy Jaech, Visio Corporation, Seattle, Washington; Ariel Kleckner, RedGorilla.com, San Francisco, California; John F. Keane, Keane, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts; Michael J. Durham, SABRE Group, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas; and Gene Hoffman, EMusic.com, Redwood City, California.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1999**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on issues relating to prostate cancer, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to mark up H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, and the proposed Steel Trade Enforcement Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Mark Wylea Erwin, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros and as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles; the nomination of David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia; the nomination of Christopher E. Goldthwait, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad; the nomination of Joyce E. Leader, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea; the nomination of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya; the nomination of Michael D. Metelits, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde; and the nomination of Bismarck Myrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to mark up S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park; S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance; S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for native Americans, and for other purposes; S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes; S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands; and S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings on pending nominations, 3 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review the structure and policies of the Loan Deficiency Payment Program, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on DC Health Initiatives, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on loan loss reserves, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on America's Health, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 850, Security and Freedom Through Encryption, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2041, Patient Right to Obstetric and Gynecological Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2042, Health Care Access, Affordability, and Quality Advisory Commission Act of 1999; H.R. 2043, Patient Right to Unrestricted Medical Advice Act of 1999; H.R. 2044, Patient Right to Pediatric Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2045, Patient Right to Emergency Medical Care Act of 1999; H.R. 2046, Patient Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 2047, Small Business Access and Choice for Entrepreneurs Act of 1999; and H.R. 2089, Group Health Plan Review Standards Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on the Pros and Cons of Drug Legalization, Decriminalization and Harm Reduction, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on the Department of Defense's Financial Management: Time to Reform the Prompt Payment Act? 10 a.m., 2147 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Malaysia: Assessing the Mahathir Agenda, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Democracy in the Western Hemisphere: Achievements and Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1752, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 2112, Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and the Subcommittee on Basic Research, joint hearing on Tornadoes: Understanding, Modeling and Forecasting Supercell Storms, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1247, World War II Memorial Completion Act; H.R. 1476, National Cemetery Act of 1999; H.R. 1484, to authorize appropriations for homeless veterans reintegration projects under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act; H.R. 1603, Selected Reserve Housing Loan Fairness Act of 1999; H.R. 1663, National Medal of Honor Memorial Act; and H.R. 2040, Veterans' Cemeteries Assessment Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* hearing on Reducing the Tax Burden: I. Enhancing Retirement and Health, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* executive, briefing on Encryption, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to continue hearings on issues relating to the High-Technology National Summit, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Wednesday, June 16

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m.; Wednesday, June 16

#### Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will begin consideration of S. 1205, Military Construction Appropriations, following which, Senate will consider S. 331, Work Incentives Improvement Act, with votes to occur thereon. Also, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act, following which, Senate will begin a period of morning business. Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 1186, Energy and Water Development Appropriations.

#### House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 1501, Child Safety and Protection Act of 1999 (structured rule, one hour of general debate).

### Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

#### HOUSE

Bereuter, Doug, Nebr., E1251, E1264  
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