

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 12 noon.

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Services' Infrastructure accounts and Real Property Maintenance Programs and the National Missile Defense Construction request, after receiving testimony from Randall A. Yim, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations; Mahlon Apgar IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Army Staff for Installation Management; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn, Jr., USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Installations and Logistics; Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air

Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment; Maj. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins II, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

#### VALLES CALDERA PRESERVATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Representatives Wilson and Tom Udall; Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, General Accounting Office; James Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Larry Finfer, Assistant Director for Communications, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Raymond Gachupin, Jemez Pueblo, Jemez, New Mexico; Denny Guiterrez, Santa Clara Pueblo, Espanola, New Mexico; Gregory Nibert, Hinkle Law Firm, Roswell, New Mexico; Frank Bond, Simons, Cuddy, and Friedman, and Palemon Martinez, Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association, both of Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Dave Simon, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 3904–3905, and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 276–278, were introduced. **Page H931**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1443, to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops, amended (H. Rept. 105–517);

H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999, amended (H. Rept. 106–518); and

H.R. 984, Caribbean and Central America Relief and Economic Stabilization Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–519). **Pages H930–31**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H923**

**Inspector General for the House of Representatives:** The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of Mr. Steven A. McNamara of Sterling, Virginia, to the position of Inspector General for the United States House of Representatives for the 106th Congress. **Page H923**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H923.

**Referrals:** S. 1653 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. Con. Res. 95 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H929**

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

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ERISA REFORM PROPOSALS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* On March 10, the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations concluded hearings on "A More Secure Retirement for Workers: Proposals for ERISA Reform." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BIENNIAL BUDGETING

*Committee on Rules:* On March 10, the Committee continued hearings on Biennial Budgeting: A Tool for Improving Government Fiscal Management and Oversight. Testimony was heard from Jack Lew, Director, OMB; Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; Sue Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, GAO; and Lou Fisher, Senior Specialist, Separation of Powers, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Hearings continue March 16.

### ENERGY DEPARTMENT—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

*Committee on Science:* On March 10, the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued hearings on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Fossil Energy; and Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy.

### SUPPORT TO MILITARY OPERATIONS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* On March 10, the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical In-

telligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Support to Military Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, on Department of Energy—Fossil Energy, 2:15 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Public Witnesses, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Customs Service, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* to mark up H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on safety and security of the new National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Telecommunications Merger Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Status of Key Operations, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, to continue hearings on HHS Drug Treatment Support: Is SAMHSA Optimizing Resources? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to continue markup of H.R. 1283, Fairness in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; and H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Road Management Policy, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 2557, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion in Biscayne National Park, Florida, of the archaeological site known as the Miami Circle; and H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and