

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000.

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

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

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 35 public bills, H.R. 3998–4032; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 286–288, and H. Res. 443 were introduced. **Pages H1118–19**

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

Report of the Committee on Commerce on the Congressional Proceedings against Dr. Miles Jones for failure to appear pursuant to a duly authorized subpoena (H. Rept. 106–527). **Page H1118**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, III, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. **Page H1079**

**Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000:** The House passed H.R. 2372, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under

the Constitution by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 55. **Pages H1089–H1114**

Rejected the Conyers amendment that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back with an amendment that exempts claims dealing with actions to protect the public from prostitution or illegal drugs; control adult book stores and the distribution of pornography; protect against illegal ground water contamination, waste dumps, or similar environmental degradation; or that results from a voter initiative to control development by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 54. **Pages H1111–13**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and made in order by the rule. **Page H1111**

Agreed To:

Traficant amendment, as modified, that requires a Federal agency to notify property owners within thirty days of any action taken by the agency to limit the use of the property. **Pages H1101–02**

Rejected:

Watt of North Carolina amendment that sought to remove the bill's limitation to claims involving private property (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 52) and

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Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit takings claims to those involving the Federal government (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 53).

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 441, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 276 yeas to 145 nays, Roll No. 51. Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:32 and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Late Report:** The Committee on the Budget received permission to have until midnight on Monday, March 20 to file a privileged report to accompany a concurrent resolution on the budget.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 20.

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**Meeting Hour—March 20:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 20.

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**Meeting Hour—March 21:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 20, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, for morning-hour debate.

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**Private Calendar:** Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar on Tuesday, March 21.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on March 22.

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**Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Steve Start of Spokane, Washington and Ms. Susan Webb of Phoenix, Arizona, to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel.

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Two yeas and nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1088, H1101, H1111, H1112–13, and H1113–14. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Chief Information Officer. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph Leo, Chief Information Officer; and Pearlie S. Reed, Chairman, National Food and Agriculture Council.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Small Business Administration. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, 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. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense, Department of Defense.

### **ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy—Energy Resources and Science. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: James Decker, Acting Director, Office of Science; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and William D. Magwood, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

### **INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Howard University, Gallaudet University, Special Institutions for the Disabled, and Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University; I. King Jordan, President, Gallaudet University; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant

Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Tuck Tinsley, III, President, American Printing House for the Blind; and Robert R. Dilva, Vice President, National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

#### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Family Housing Privatization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the IRS, and the Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary; and Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS.

#### **VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol Browner, Administrator, EPA.

#### **NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Special Oversight Panel on Department of Energy Reorganization, hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration and implementation of the provisions of Title XXXII. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: T.J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary; David M. Klaus, Director, Office of Management and Administration, Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Gioconda, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs; Adm. F.L. Bowman, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Reactors and Rose E. Gottemoeller, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, all with the National Nuclear Security Administration.

#### **MILITARY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the implementation of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, utilities infrastructure privatization, and asset management practices of the military departments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Randall Yim, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations); Mahlon Apgar IV, Assistant Secretary, Army (Installations

and Environment); Duncan Holaday, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Navy (Installations); and Jimmy Dishner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force.

#### **AIR FORCE PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Air Force programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense: Lawrence J. Delaney, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition); and Lt. Gen. Stephen Plummer, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Acquisition).

#### **HEDGE FUND DISCLOSURE ACT**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets Securities and Government-Sponsored Enterprises approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2924, Hedge Fund Disclosure Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2924. Testimony was heard from Lee Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury.

#### **NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK— ASSESSING THE OPERATION**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Assessing the Operation of the National Practitioner Data Bank. Testimony was heard from Tom Croft, Director, Division of Quality Assurance, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **RURAL LOCAL BROADCAST SIGNAL ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **WEALTH THROUGH THE WORKPLACE ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H.R. 3462, Wealth Through the Workplace Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **“FEDERAL ACQUISITION: WHY ARE BILLIONS BEING WASTED”**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on “Federal Acquisition: Why

are Billions Being Wasted?” Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert J. Lieberman, Assistant Inspector, Audits; and Stan Z. Soloway, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition Reform; Deidre Lee, Director, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; and public witnesses.

#### **NORTH KOREA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on North Korea: Leveraging Uncertainty? Testimony was heard from Wendy R. Sherman, Counselor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **AFRICA'S ENERGY POTENTIAL**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Africa's Energy Potential. Testimony was heard from Calvin Humphrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of Energy; and a public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1283, Fairness in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999.

Will continue March 22.

#### **FEDERAL PRISONER HEALTH CARE COPAYMENT ACT; PRESIDENTIAL THREAT PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999; and H.R. 3048, Presidential Threat Protection Act of 1999.

#### **OVERSIGHT—BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget requests for the following Department of the Interior Agencies: Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement; Minerals Management Service; energy and minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Geological Survey, except water resources programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Kathy Karpan, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; Walt Rosenbusch, Director, Minerals Management Service; Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2941, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 3676, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000; and H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Pastor, Bono and Gallegly; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary; and John Parsons, Associate Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capitol Region, National Park Service; and public witnesses.

#### **BIENNIAL BUDGETING**

*Committee on Rules:* Continued hearings on Biennial Budgeting: A Tool for Improving Government Fiscal Management and Oversight. Testimony was heard from Lee Hamilton, Director, Woodrow Wilson Center; and public witnesses.

#### **ENERGY DEPARTMENT—BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy Offices 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; Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy and William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

#### **NASA BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request for Human Spaceflight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Joseph Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Human Spaceflight; Roberta Gross, Inspector General; and Henry McDonald, Director, Ames Research Center; and Allen Li, Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3903, to deem the vessel M/V Mist Cove to be less than 100

gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code; H.R. 910, amended, San Gabriel Basis Water Quality Initiative; H.R. 1775, amended, Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act of 1999; H.R. 2328, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program; H.R. 3039, Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 1999; H.R. 938, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown Federal Building”; H.R. 1279, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States post office located at 223 Sharkey Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, as the “Aaron E. Henry Federal Building and United States Post Office”; H.R. 1605, amended, to designate the United States courthouse building located at 402 North Walnut Street and Prospect Avenue in Harrison, Arkansas, as the “J. Smith Henley Federal Building”; H.R. 2412, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the “E. Ross Adair Federal Building and the United States Courthouse”; H. Con. Res. 279, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress; H. Con. Res. 280, authorizing the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds; H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; H. Con. Res. 277, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service; and H.R. 809, amended, Federal Protective Service Reform Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved 5 Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

#### RETENTION OF SCREENERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aviation Security, focusing on Training and Retention of Screeners. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Alexis M. Stefani, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Adm. Cathal Flynn, USN, Associate Administrator, Civil Aviation Security, FAA; Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### LOAN GUARANTY SERVICE—VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs’ Loan Guaranty Service. Testimony was heard from Representative Ackerman; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Slachta, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans’ Benefits Administration; and representatives of veterans organizations.

#### COMPASSION FOR CHILDREN AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1488, Compassion for Children and Child Support Enforcement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde and Woolsey; Jeffrey Cohen, Director, Office of Child Support, State of Vermont; Nick Young, Director, Child Support Enforcement Division, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### BABY BOOMER BENEFICIARIES—SOCIAL SECURITY READINESS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings to examine Social Security’s readiness for the impending wave of Baby Boomer beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; and public witnesses.

#### CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BUDGET

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Central Intelligence Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D213)

H.R. 1883, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology. Signed March 14, 2000. (P.L. 106–178)

S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes. Signed March 14, 2000. (P.L. 106–179)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2000

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on sustaining the All Volunteer Force, 8:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 20 through March 25, 2000

## Senate Chamber

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

On *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

During the remainder of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 22, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on issues relating to cabin fees, 3 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Alzheimer's Disease, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 21, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

March 21, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms, 10 a.m., SD-116.

March 22, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 23, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 21, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 22, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on tactical aviation, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 23, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine

Corps' seapower operational capability requirements, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 21, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on HUD's Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS), 2 p.m., SD-628.

March 22, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine electronic communications networks and brokerage firms efforts to meet investors' needs in the financial marketplace of the future, 10 a.m., SD-628.

March 23, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 22, Committee on the Budget, business meeting to discuss the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 21, to hold hearings to examine the impact of interactive violence on children, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 22, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine recent program and management issues at NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 23, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 22, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on H.R. 862, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District; H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; S. 1659, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; and S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

March 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

March 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of monuments and memorials in and around Washington, D.C., 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 21, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on General Services Association's fiscal year 2001 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, including the courthouse construction program, 10 a.m., SD-406.

March 21, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings to examine the current status of cleanup activities under the Superfund program, 2 p.m., SD-406.

March 23, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to resume hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules regarding changes in the total maximum daily load and NPDES permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 22, to hold hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 21, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine North Korea, focusing on progress after Perry, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine nonproliferation threats and U.S. policy formulation, 2 p.m., SD-419.

March 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine India, Pakistan, and North Korea, focusing on nonproliferation policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 23, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the proposed Technical Assistance, Trade Promotion and Anti-Corruption Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* March 22, to hold hearings on Department of Energy's management of health and safety issues surrounding the DOE's gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Piketon, Ohio, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 21, to hold hearings on regulating Internet pharmacies, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 23, Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings on health care for the uninsured, focusing on safety net providers, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* March 21, to hold hearings on S. 2102, to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland, 10:30 a.m., SR-485.

March 22, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 22, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

March 23, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 22, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold

oversight hearings on certain antitrust issues, 2 p.m., SD-226.

March 23, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 23, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine racial profiling within law enforcement agencies, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* March 22, to hold hearings on the Constitution and campaign reform, 9 a.m., SR-301.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* March 21, to hold hearings to review the annual certification process, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Small Business:* March 21, business meeting to consider certain legislation regarding the Small Business Administration and Small Business Innovation Research Program reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 22, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

## House Chamber

To Be Announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 22, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit, hearing to review the reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 23, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, to consider H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 21, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on DC Public Schools (including Charter Schools), 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy—Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Health Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Consumer Product Safety Commission, 9:30 a.m., on Consumer Information Center, 10:30 a.m., on Office of Inspector General—FDIC, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related

Agencies, on Rural Development, 10:00 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol, and on International Organizations, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Budget, 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on AID Administrator, 2 p.m., H–144 Capitol.

March 22, Subcommittee on Interior, on Presidio Trust, 10 a.m., on Department of Energy—Energy Information Administration, 11 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., on OSHA and Mine Safety and Health Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Aviation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Federal Election Commission, 10 a.m., H–144 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Drug Enforcement, 10 a.m., on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.

March 23, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Corrections and Related Activities, 2 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowment for the Humanities, 10 a.m., on National Endowment for the Arts, 11 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Employment Standards Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics, 10 a.m., on Employment and Training Administration/Veterans Employment, and Pension Agencies, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., on Executive Office of the President, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on HUD, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 21, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2001 Budget request (defense programs) and related matters, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 22, full Committee, to continue hearings on the Fiscal year 2001 National Defense authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 23, hearing on U.S. policy towards Colombia, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, March 21, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Margin Lending, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on improving the regulation of the housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 23, full Committee, hearing on International Financial Architecture, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, March 22. Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; and H.R. 3907, External Regulation of the Department of Energy Act, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up H.R. 3301, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to children's health, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Patient Access to Self-injectable Prescription Drugs in the Medicare Program, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing to receive the report of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 22, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Combating Terrorism: Coordination of Nonmedical Research and Development Programs, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

March 23, full Committee, hearing on "Missing White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on the Civil Service, hearing on the Failure of the FEHBP Demonstration Project: Another Broken Promise? 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 23, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq, 10 a.m., room to be announced.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 21, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Private Property Rights and Telecommunications Policy, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 22, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3138, Free Market Antitrust Immunity Reform (FAIR) Act of 1999, 10 a.m.; and to continue markup of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999, and to mark up H.R. 3660 Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Advisory Commission on Internet Commerce, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 9, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow an item veto of appropriation bills, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following: United States and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act; and H.R. 2100, Antitampering Act of 1999, 10 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2810, Violent Offender DNA Identification Act; H.R. 3087, DNA Backlog Elimination Act; and H.R. 3375, Convicted Offender DNA Index System Support Act, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 22, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 23, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act; and H.R. 3919, Coral Reef Conservation and Restoration Partnership Act of 2000; followed by an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget recommendations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3327, Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 23, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1500, Americas' Wilderness Protection Act; H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; H.R. 1864, to standardize the process for conducting public hearings for Federal agencies within the Department of the Interior; H.R. 2932, Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area Act of 1999; H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; and H.R. 3605, San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, March 22, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization, hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act and the Legislative Process of House Committees, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, March 22, hearing on EPA's Sludge Rule: Closed Minds or Open Debate, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Life and Microgravity Research, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Science and Technology Budget, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 22, hearing on aspects of the New Markets Initiative, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 21, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, hearing on the Impact on Transportation Programs of Reducing the Federal Fuel Tax, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on Program Data Quality, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Administration's proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 23, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on GSA's Fiscal Year 2001 Capital Investment Programs, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 23, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs obligation to assist veterans in filing claims for benefits, and H.R. 3193, Duty to Assist Veterans Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Tax Incentives to assist distressed communities, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 23, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Work Incentives for Blind and Disabled Social Security Beneficiaries, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

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*Joint Meetings*: March 22, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: March 21, to hold hearings on the state of democratization and human rights in Turkmenistan, 2 p.m., 334 CHOB.

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*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

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