

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4721–S4911

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2693–2709, and S.J. Res. 48. **Page S4820**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2406, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers. **Page S4820**

Measures Passed:

Harry S Truman Federal Building: H.R. 3639, to designate the Federal building located at 2201 C Street, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, currently headquarters for the Department of State, as the “Harry S Truman Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4908–09**

Indian Land: H.R. 2484, to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4909**

Indian Land: H.R. 1953, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4909**

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4721–S4809**

Adopted:

Wellstone Amendment No. 3264, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to report to Congress on the extent and severity of child poverty. **Pages S4765–67**

Warner (for Snowe/Kennedy) Amendment No. 3216, to ensure that obligations to make payments under the CVN–69 contract for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2001 is subject to the availability of appropriations. **Pages S4732–33**

Warner Amendment No. 3217, to repeal authorities to delay pay days at the end of fiscal year 2000. **Page S4733**

Levin (for Robb) Amendment No. 3218, to require a report on the Defense Travel System and to limit the use of funds for the system. **Page S4733**

Warner/Robb Amendment No. 3219, to modify authority to carry out a fiscal year 1990 military construction project relating to Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Virginia. **Page S4733**

Warner Amendment No. 3220, to authorize the payment of \$7,975 for a fine for environmental permit violations at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. **Pages S4733–34**

Warner Amendment No. 3221, to strike section 344, relating to a modification of authority for indemnification of transferees of closing defense property. **Page S4734**

Warner Amendment No. 3222, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S4734**

Warner Amendment No. 3223, to provide for future-years nuclear security plan. **Page S4734**

Warner Amendment No. 3224, to strike certain provisions relating to interim storage activities. **Page S4734**

Warner Amendment No. 3225, of a technical nature. **Page S4734**

Levin (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3226, to enhance and improve educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill in order to enhance recruitment and retention of members of the Armed Forces. **Pages S4734–35**

Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3227, to strike section 553(c) which repeals authority regarding grants and contracts to uncooperative institutions of higher education. **Pages S4735–36**

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3228, to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to strengthen the financial security of families of uniformed services personnel in cases of loss of family members. **Page S4736**

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3229, to provide an additional increase in military basic pay for enlisted members of the uniformed services in pay grades E-5, E-6, or E-7. **Pages S4736-37**

Warner (for Grams) Amendment No. 3230, to improve benefits for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces and their dependents. **Pages S4737-38**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3231, to authorize the President to award gold and silver medals on behalf of the Congress to the Navajo Code Talkers, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation. **Pages S4738-39**

Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 3232, to revise the fee structure for residents of the Armed Forces Retirement Home. **Page S4739**

Levin (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3233, to request the President to advance the late Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel on the retired list of the Navy to the highest grade held as Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, during World War II, and to advance the late Major General Walter C. Short on the retired list of the Army to the highest grade held as Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, during World War II, as was done under the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 for all other senior officers who served in positions of command during World War II; and to express the sense of Congress regarding the professional performance of Admiral Kimmel and Lieutenant General Short. **Pages S4739-48**

Levin (for Biden/Roth) Amendment No. 3234, to require reports on the spare parts and repair parts program of the Air Force for the C-5 aircraft. **Pages S4748-49**

Warner (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3235, to authorize a land conveyance at Fort Riley, Kansas. **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3236, to clarify the authority of the director of a laboratory to manage personnel under an existing authority to conduct a personnel demonstration project. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Roberts) Amendment No. 3237, to authorize, with an offset, an additional \$1,500,000 for the Air Force for research, development, test, and evaluation on weathering and corrosion on aircraft surfaces and parts (PE62102F). **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3238, to state the sense of the Senate on maintaining an effective strategic nuclear TRIAD. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Nickles) Amendment No. 3239, to require the designation of each government-owned, government-operated ammunition plant of the Army as Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence. **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 3240, to establish a commission to assess the future of the United States aerospace industry and to make recommendations for actions by the Federal Government. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Gramm) Amendment No. 3241, to guarantee the right of all active duty military personnel, merchant mariners, and their dependents to vote in Federal, State, and local elections. **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3242, to modify authority for the use of certain Navy property by the Oxnard Harbor District, Port Hueneme, California. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 3243, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older. **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3244, to eliminate an inequity in the applicability of early retirement eligibility requirements to military reserve technicians. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3245, to provide space-required eligibility for travel on aircraft of the Armed Forces to places of inactive-duty training by members of the reserve components who reside outside the continental United States. **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3246, to provide additional benefits and protections for personnel incurring injury, illness, or disease in the performance of funeral honors duty. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Smith-OR) Amendment No. 3247, to require a study of the advisability of increasing the grade authorized for the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau to Lieutenant General. **Pages S4749-60**

Levin (for Cleland) Amendment No. 3248, to exempt commanders of certain Air Force specified combatant commands from a limitation on the number of general officers while general or flag officers of other armed forces are serving as commander of certain unified combatant commands. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Bond) Amendment No. 3249, to increase the end strengths authorized for full-time manning of the Army National Guard of the United States. **Pages S4749-60**

Warner (for Thompson) Amendment No. 3250, to provide compensation and benefits to Department of

Energy employees and contractor employees for exposure to beryllium, radiation, and other toxic substances. **Pages S4749–60**

Levin Amendment No. 3251, to conform standards of judicial review of actions relating to selection boards; and to make a technical correction. **Pages S4749–60**

McCain Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3210), to require the disclosure of expenditures and contributions by certain political organizations. **Pages S4721, S4768–87, S4808–09**

Rejected: Daschle Amendment No. 3273, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate tabled the Amendment.) **Pages S4787–S4808**

Pending:

Smith (of NH) Modified Amendment No. 3210, to prohibit granting security clearances to felons. **Pages S4721, S4760**

Warner/Dodd Amendment No. 3267, to establish a National Bipartisan Commission on Cuba to evaluate United States policy with respect to Cuba. **Pages S4767–68**

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

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 122), Senate failed to sustain a point of order against McCain Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3210), listed above, as being in violation of the United States Constitution. **Page S4808**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further amendments to be proposed to the bill. **Pages S4809–10**

Defense Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4810–12**

Adopted:

Stevens/Inouye Amendment No. 3278, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4811**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 3279, to require the Department of Defense to match certain disbursements with obligations prior to payment. **Pages S4811–12**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendment on Friday, June 9, 2000, with a vote to occur on the pending amendment. **Page S4909**

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

A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the National Science Board entitled "Science and Engineering Indicators—2000"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–112) **Pages S4818–19**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Train, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2003.

Holly J. Burkhalter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

John S. W. Lim, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Gregory A. Presnell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

James S. Moody, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida vice a new position created by Public Law 106–113, approved November 29, 1999.

James A. Daley, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis and to Saint Lucia.

James Charles Riley, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2006. (Reappointment)

Marc Lincoln Marks, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2006. (Reappointment) **Pages S4910–11**

Messages From the President: **Pages S4818–19**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4907–08**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—122) **Pages S4807–08**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 7:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 9, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4909.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded hearings to examine the operations of the World Bank and the need for reform of the Bank and development programs, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration, and James B. Burnham, Duquesne University Donahue Graduate School of Business, both of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and Adam Lerrick, International Financial Institution Advisory Commission, Barrytown, New York.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on H.R. 359, to clarify the intent of Congress in Public Law 93–632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance and operation of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wilderness area was designated in that Public Law, H.R. 468, to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area, H.R. 1680, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest, S. 1817, to validate a conveyance of certain lands located in Carlton County, Minnesota, and to provide for the compensation of certain original heirs, S. 1972, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park, and S. 2111, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey for fair market value 1.06 acres of land in the San Bernardino National Forest, California, to KATY 101.3 FM, a California corporation, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Representative Kildee; Jack Craven, Director of Lands, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Willie Davis, KATY 101.3 FM, Englewood, California;

Marianne Mate, Park Planning Committee, Dolores, Colorado; Michael A. Francis, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Brougher, Wilderness Watch, Central Sierra Chapter, Sonora, California.

NATIONAL PARKS OMNIBUS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to review the final rules and regulations issued by the National Park Service relating to Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998 concerning the solicitation, awards, and administration of concession contracts use in units of the National Park System, and to determine the extent to which the final rule complies with the intent of the concessions law, after receiving testimony from Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

KOSOVO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current situation in Kosovo one year after the NATO air campaign expelled Yugoslav President Milosevic's security forces from the area, and the progress being made to reinvigorate the society and foster democracy, after receiving testimony from James W. Pardew, Jr. Principal Deputy Adviser to the President and Secretary of State on Democracy in the Balkans; and Morton I. Abramowitz, International Crisis Group, former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Paul R. Williams, American University Washington College of Law, and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2406, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers.

Also, Committee approved resolutions for issuance of subpoenas to Attorney General Reno for documents related to Elian Gonzalez, and for the personal appearance of Stephen Mansfield on June 13, 2000, pursuant to Rule 26.

GENDER-BASED WAGE DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Bureau of Labor Statistics report which provides a full picture of the gender-based wage gap, the reasons for these gaps and the impact this discrimination has on women and families, and the effectiveness of current

laws and proposed legislative solutions, and S. 74, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, after receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistic, Department of Labor; June O'Neill, City University of New York Baruch College Center for the Study of Business and Government, New York, New York; and Heidi I. Hartmann, George Washington University, on behalf of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Anita U. Hattiangadi, Employment Policy Foundation, Gail S. Shaffer, Business and Professional Women/USA, Barbara Berish Brown, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker, and Judith C. Appelbaum, National Women's Law Center, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TERRORISM

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings on the conclusions and recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorism regarding intelligence information collection, technology and institutional practices needed to disseminate information effectively, cyber terrorism, and the role of the intelligence community to protect the United States against terrorism, after receiving testimony from Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, III, Chairman, Maurice Sonnenberg, Vice Chairman, R. James Woolsey, Commissioner, Jane Harman, Commissioner, and Juliette N. Kayyem, Commissioner, all of the National Commission on Terrorism.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4600–4616; 3 private bills, H.R. 4617–4619; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 100–101 and H. Con. Res. 349–350, were introduced. **Pages H4119–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, amended (H. Rept. 106–659);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–660); and

Conference report on S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces (H. Rept. 106–661). **Pages H4115–18, H4119**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4043**

Guest Chaplain: the prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. James Scherer of Greensboro, North Carolina. **Page H4043**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 7 by yeas and nays vote of 363 yeas to 45 nays with 5 voting "present", Roll No. 246. **Pages H4043–44**

Official Photo of the House of Representatives: Pursuant to H. Res. 407, the official photograph of the House in session was taken. **Page H4044**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m. **Page H4044**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Rodriguez to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy. **Page H4054**

Presidential Message—Science and Engineering Indicators: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the National Science Board report entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2000"—referred to the Committee on Science. **Pages H4054–55**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. **Page H4077**

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4577, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages H4055–77, H4087–H4106, H4107**

Rejected:

Bass amendment no. 6 printed in the Congressional Record to increase Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) funding by \$1 billion; and

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Trafficant amendment that sought to strike section 103 that prohibits any funding to promulgate, issue, implement, administer, or enforce any proposed, temporary, or final standard on ergonomic protection (rejected by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 250). **Pages H4094–H4104, H4107**

Points of order sustained against:

Jackson of Illinois amendment that sought to increase funding for skills training programs by \$1 billion; **Pages H4066–77**

Obey amendment no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for the international labor, including child labor, standards program funding by \$97 million; and **Pages H4092–94**

Trafficant amendment that sought to increase the minimum wage one dollar, from \$5.15 to \$6.16.

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H. Res. 518, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 218 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 247.

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Order of Business—Consideration of Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 4577, that it be in order only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill to consider amendments printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII, if offered by Representative Obey or his designee; that none of these amendments shall be liable to the point of order that a portion of the amendment addresses a portion of the bill not read for amendment; that all other points of order against them shall be considered as reserved pending completion of debate; that each shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled; shall not be subject to amendment; and may be withdrawn by its proponent after debate thereon. **Pages H4106–07**

Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000: The House agreed to H. Res. 519, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 249. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 225 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 248. **Pages H4077–87**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4043.

Referrals: S. 2625 was referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H4119**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4122.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H4044, H4054, H4086, H4086–87, and H4107. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL COUNTER-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3886, International Counter-Money Laundering Act of 2000.

CORPORATE WELFARE REFORM COMMISSION ACT

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the “Corporate Welfare Reform Commission Act, Unjustified Business Subsidies and Legislation aimed at Addressing Them.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled: “National Energy Policy: The Future of Nuclear and Coal Power in the United States.” Testimony was heard from William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

COUNTERFEIT BULK DRUGS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Counterfeit Bulk Drugs. Testimony was heard from Dennis Baker, Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

CANCER CARE FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Committee on Government Reform: Concluded hearings on Cancer Care for the New Millennium-Integrative Oncology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEBT COLLECTING IMPROVEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Debt Collection Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from Gary T. Engel, Associate Director, Governmentwide Accounting and Financial Management Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury; Edward A. Powell, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Management and Chief

Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Yvette Jackson, Deputy Commissioner, Finance, Assessment and Management; and a public witness.

FAIRNESS AND VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 534, Fairness and Voluntary Arbitration Act. Testimony was heard from Senators Sessions and Feingold; Richard Holcomb, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3295, CT-43A Federal Employee Settlement Act; and H.R. 1371, to amend the Federal tort claims provisions of title 28, United States Code, to repeal the exception for claims arising outside the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Farr and Norton; Robin E. Jacobsohn, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 4286, to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; and H. Res. 415, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Ocean Day to recognize the significant role the ocean plays in the lives of the Nation's people and the important role the Nation's people must play in the continued life of the ocean. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mink of Hawaii, Bachus and Riley; Capt. Ted Lillestolen, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Paul Schmidt, Deputy Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3520, White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers System Act; H.R. 3745, Effigy Mounds National Monument Additions Act; and H.R. 4404, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and in-

demnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pitts, Castle and Nussle; the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Katherine Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Stewardship and Partnerships; and John Schamp, Deputy Chief, U.S. Park Police; and public witnesses.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing on Women in Business. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

QUALITY OF REGULATORY ANALYSES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a hearing on the Quality of Regulatory Analyses. Testimony was heard from Robert Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; and public witnesses.

MOTOR CARRIER FUEL COST EQUITY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on H.R. 4441, Motor Carrier Fuel Cost Equity Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representative Blunt; and public witnesses.

WOMEN VETERANS ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs services for women veterans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Linda Schwartz, Chair, Advisory Board on Women Veterans; and Joan Furey, Director, Center for Women Veterans; and representatives of veterans organizations.

DEBT REDUCTION AND RECONCILIATION ACT; WTO—WITHDRAWING U.S. APPROVAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4601, Debt Reduction and Reconciliation Act of 2000.

The Committee also adversely reported H.J. Res. 90, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization.

Joint Meetings

ROMANI HUMAN RIGHTS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings on the human rights situation of the Romani minority in the OSCE region where Roma face widespread discrimination in public places, education, housing, and employment, as well as other human rights violations, after receiving testimony from Rumyan Russinov, Roma Participation Project, Bulgaria; Monika Horakova, Czech Parliament, Czech Republic; Angela Kocze, European Roma Rights Center, Hungary; and Karolina Banomova, Czechoslovak Roma Association of Canada.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,

JUNE 9, 2000

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Budget, Housing and Infrastructure Task Force, hearing on Government's Failure in Disposing of Obsolete Ships, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Counterdrug Implications of the U.S. Leaving Panama, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4576, Defense Appropriations, with a vote on the pending Grassley Amendment No. 3279, to occur at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, June 9

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000 (modified closed rule, one hour of debate).

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