

Monday, May 15, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6645–S6701

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 800–804. **Pages S6687–88**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 625, to amend the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992. (S. Rept. No. 104–81) **Page S6687**

Alaska Power Administration Sale Act: Senate began consideration of S. 395, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Marketing Administration, with committee amendments, agreeing to a committee amendment, with an exception, and taking action of further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S6645, S6647, S6650–75

Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 1078, to authorize exports of Alaskan North Slope crude oil.

Pages S6666–75

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

By 80 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 167), Senate tabled committee amendment beginning on page 1, line 3, through page 7, line 25, providing for the sale of Alaska Power Marketing Administration's (APA) assets, and the termination of the APA.

Pages S6650–64

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, May 17, 1995. **Page S6678**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, May 16, 1995.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the foreign service.

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S6697–S6700**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—167) **Page S6664**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 16, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S6701.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LOC/CBO/CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; June E. O'Neill, Director, and James L. Blum, Deputy Director, both of the Congressional Budget Office; and Gary L. Abrecht, Chief, United States Capitol Police.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, May 22.

AUTHORIZATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Subcommittee on Personnel concluded joint hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military family housing issues, after receiving testimony from Joshua Gotbaum, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Economic Security; Paul Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Housing; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary

of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installation and Environment.

CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings on S. 529, to provide, temporarily, tariff and quota treatment equivalent to that accorded to members of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to Caribbean Basin beneficiary countries, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Alexander F. Watson, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Noel Beasley, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, Chicago, Illinois; Fred O. Braswell, III, Russell Corporation, Alexander City, Alabama, on behalf of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute; Jeffrey J. Schott, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and William Woltz, Jr., Perry Manufacturing Company, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, on

behalf of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PENSION REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service held hearings on S. 228, to amend certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to the treatment of Members of Congress and Congressional employees for retirement purposes, focusing on a comparison of congressional and Federal retirement benefit programs, receiving testimony from Senator Bryan; Representative Moran; William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management; and Johnny C. Finch, Assistant Comptroller General for General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, May 22.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Six public bills, H.R. 1635–1640 were introduced. **Pages H4957–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1590, to require the Trustees of the medicare trust funds to report recommendations on resolving projected financial imbalance in medicare trust funds (H. Rept. 104–119, Pt. 1); and

H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 104–20). **Page H4957**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Funderburk to act as Speaker pro tempore. **Page H4917**

Recess: House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Pages H4917–18**

Recess: House recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 12:23 p.m. **Page H4918**

Greens Creek Land Exchange: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1266, amended to provide for the exchange of lands within the Admiralty Island National Monument. **Pages H4919–25**

Recess: House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 12:43 p.m. **Page H4926**

New London Fish Hatchery Conveyance: House agreed to H. Res. 146, providing for the consideration of H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London Fish Hatchery production facility. **Pages H4926–27**

Fairport Fish Hatchery Conveyance: House agreed to H. Res. 145, providing for the consideration of H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa. **Pages H4927–28**

Corning Fish Hatchery Conveyance: House agreed to H. Res. 144, providing for the consideration of H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas. **Pages H4928–30**

Educate America Act Amendments: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1045, amended, to amend the Goals 2000: Educate America Act to eliminate the National Education Standards and Improvement Council. **Pages H4930–31**

Recess: House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H4934**

Recess: House recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m. **Page H4934**

Committee to Sit: Committee on International Relations received permission to sit on May 16 during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule.

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Clean Water Amendments: House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on May 16.

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Pending when the Committee of the Whole rose was the Boehlert amendment that sought to define “wetland” as any area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to a prevalence of vegetation adapted to such conditions; require EPA to initiate a national wetland restoration strategy in cooperation with other Federal agencies, State, and local government, and the private sector; direct EPA to establish a Wetlands Coordinating Committee made up of Federal, State, and local government officials and associations to integrate conservation efforts among different levels of government and help develop national wetland strategy and policy implementation and advise EPA and the Army Secretary in adopting a regulatory program; direct EPA or the Corps of Engineers, as appropriate, to provide technical assistance and training to State and local governments in the development and implementation of wetlands protection; authorizes \$15 million annually for fiscal year 1996 to 2000 for EPA to establish direct grants to States and tribes for implementation and development of wetlands strategies, assistance to regional and local governments to pursue the same objectives, provide financing of State permits in support of Federal wetlands projects with no State receiving more than \$300 of each type of grant nor more than \$500,000 overall and with recipients sharing at least 25 percent of the costs of projects undertaken.

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Late Report: Committee on the Budget received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4918.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4958.

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

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act.

Joint Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on the nominations of Karl N. Stauber, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, and Eugene Branstool, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on rural development and credit, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Defense financial management, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to resume hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the requirements for continued production of nuclear submarines, submarine industrial base issues, procurement strategy, and associated funding, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy weapons activities, non-proliferation and national security programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA's space shuttle and reusable launch vehicle programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to review Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing activities with regard to the Department of Energy's civilian nuclear waste disposal program and other matters within the jurisdiction of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on the fiscal solvency of Medicare and the status of the program's delivery of health care services, focusing on methods to preserve and improve the Medicare program, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Disability Policy, to resume hearings to examine proposed legislation relating to the education of individuals with disabilities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1039-40 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on H.R. 1627, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 9:30 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on federally sanctioned programs for dairy product promotion, research and nutrition education, as well as the relationship of those programs to export policy following the implementation of the Uruguay Round, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on National Security, Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, oversight hearing on the RTC, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to consider pending business, 4:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1323, Pipeline Safety Act of 1995; and H.R. 558, Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint oversight hearing on Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in the Medicare Program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, to mark up Title 4 (Adult Education, Family Literacy, and Library Technology Consolidated Grant) of H.R. 1617, Consolidated and Reformed Education, Employment, and Rehabilitation Systems, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Consolidating Federal Pro-

grams and Organizations, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the reauthorization of the Legal Services Corporation, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 587, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes; H.R. 1443, Court Arbitration Authorization Act of 1995; H.R. 1170, to provide that cases challenging the constitutionality of measures passed by State referendum be heard by a three-judge court; H.R. 1445, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for depositions; S. 464, to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts; and S. 532, to clarify the rules governing venue, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 699, Royalty Relief Act of 1995, 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1112, to transfer management of the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge to the State of Oklahoma, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Budget Resolution for fiscal year 1996, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on FAA Research and Acquisition Management, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 4 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on to explore increasing and improving options for Medicare beneficiaries, with emphasis on Experience in Controlling Costs and Improving Quality in Employer-Based Plans, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Federal Unemployment Compensation system and Consolidation of Job Training Programs, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on legislation to permit the President to defer imposition of sanctions when necessary to protect intelligence sources and methods, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, 9:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 534, Solid Waste Disposal Act, and upon disposition, resume consideration of S. 395, Alaska Power Administration Sale Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 16

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following Suspension: H.R. 1590, to require the Trustees of the Medicare Trust Funds to report recommendations on resolving projected financial insolvency in Medicare Trust Funds; and

Continue consideration of H.R. 961, Clean Water Amendments of 1995.

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