

Wednesday, May 24, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7281-S7403

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 848-850. **Page S7388**

Congressional Budget: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7281-S7371**

Adopted:

(1) By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 186), Hatfield Amendment No. 1133, to restore funds cut from the National Institutes of Health. **Pages S7293-S7304, S7307**

(2) Domenici Amendment No. 1145, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S7331**

(3) Domenici (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1146, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the establishment of a nonpartisan advisory commission on budgeting and accounting. **Pages S7331-32**

(4) Domenici (for Dole) Amendment No. 1147, to express the sense of the Senate that the reforms and proposals contained within the Independent Budget for Veterans Affairs, fiscal year 1996, should be given careful consideration in an effort to ensure the Nation's commitment to its veterans. **Page S7333**

(5) By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 188), McConnell Amendment No. 1148, to provide for continued funding for economic development in Appalachian Region. **Pages S7336-39**

(6) By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 192), Coverdell Amendment No. 1152, to express the sense of the Senate regarding reimbursement to the States for the costs of implementing the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 under budget function 800. **Pages S7345-46**

(7) By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 194), Exon (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1153, to maintain public funding for Presidential campaigns. **Pages S7346-50**

(8) By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 193), McConnell Amendment No. 1154 (to Amendment No. 1153), to express the sense of the Senate on use of the Presidential Election Campaign Fund in regard to sexual harassment. **Pages S7347-49**

(9) Domenici/Grassley Amendment No. 1156, to retain the prohibition against off-budget funding for the Internal Revenue Service and to express the sense of the Senate that funding for tax compliance efforts should be a top priority and that the assumptions underlying the functional totals in this resolution include the administration's full request for the I.R.S. **Pages S7350-51**

(10) Exon (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1158, to express the sense of the Congress that no member of Congress may use campaign funds to defend against sexual harassment lawsuits. (By 1 yea to 99 nays (Vote No. 196), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S7351-52**

(11) By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 197), Dole Amendment No. 1159 (to Amendment No. 1158), to express the sense of the Congress that no member of Congress or the Executive Branch may use campaign funds or privately donated funds to defend against sexual harassment lawsuits. **Page S7351**

(12) Exon (for Murray) Amendment No. 1164, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government has a financial responsibility to schools in our Nation's communities which are adversely affected by Federal activities and that funding for such responsibilities should not be reduced or eliminated. **Page S7361**

(13) Exon (for Pell) Modified Amendment No. 1165, to express the sense of the Senate regarding student loan cuts. **Pages S7361-62, S7364**

(14) Exon (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1166, to repeal the ex-patriot tax loophole and put the money into veterans programs. **Pages S7362-64**

(15) By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 202), Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 1167 (to Amendment No. 1166), to repeal the ex-patriot tax loophole and use the money to eliminate the social security earnings penalty. **Pages S7363-64**

Rejected:

(1) By 28 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 181), Harkin/Bumpers Amendment No. 1126, to reduce unnecessary military spending, holding military spending to a freeze in overall spending over 7 years protecting readiness and modernization activities, and shifting the savings to education and job training, restoring a portion of the reductions proposed for those programs in the resolution. **Pages S7305-06**

(2) By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 182), Feingold/Hollings Amendment No. 1127, to strike the budget surplus allowance provision (Section 204) from the resolution to eliminate the use of the fiscal dividend for further tax cuts. **Page S7306**

(3) Bumpers Amendment No. 1130, to strike the proposed change in the budget process rules which would permit the scoring of revenue derived from the sale of federal assets. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 183), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(4) Dodd Amendment No. 1131 (to Amendment No. 1128), to restore \$28,000,000,000 in outlays over seven years to reduce by \$16,000,000,000 the discretionary cuts proposed in education and reduce the reconciliation instruction to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources by \$12,000,000,000 by closing corporate tax loopholes. (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 184), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(5) By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 185), Snowe Amendment No. 1128, to increase funding for mandatory spending in function 500 (Education).

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(6) By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 189), Sarbanes Amendment No. 1149, to restore the cuts to Federal retirement programs by providing that the Federal retirement programs will continue to calculate retirement benefits from the average of an employee's high 3 years of service. **Pages S7339-40**

(7) Roth Amendment No. 1150, to prohibit including revenues in the budget resolution based on oil and gas leasing within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. (By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 190), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7340-43**

(8) Glenn Amendment No. 1157 (to Amendment No. 1156), to strike provisions providing for a repeal of the IRS allowance. (By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(9) Exon (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1162, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance

of research, technology, and trade promotion and trade law enforcement programs. (By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 200), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Hatfield/Jeffords Amendment No. 1132, to restore funds cut from the National Institutes of Health.

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

By 46 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 187), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Boxer Amendment No. 1134, to establish a prohibition of legislation that would include a tax cut unless 90 percent of the benefits go to the middle class. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S7307-08, S7316-17, S7334-35**

By 31 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 191), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon Amendment No. 1151, to restore funding for agriculture and nutrition programs. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S7344-45**

Exon (for Glenn) Amendment No. 1155, to restore the IRS compliance initiative, became moot upon adoption of Domenici/Grassley Amendment No. 1156, listed above. **Pages S7350-51**

By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 198), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon Amendment No. 1160, to limit increases in the public debt. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S7352-53**

By 41 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 199), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1161, to restore funding to the AFDC and JOBS programs by using amounts set aside for a tax cut. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation

of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Page S7353**

By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 201), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Exon (for Murray) Amendment No. 1163, to protect children receiving health care insurance under Medicaid. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 305(b)(2) was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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Senate will resume consideration of the resolution on Thursday, May 25, 1995, with further votes to occur thereon.

Supplemental Rescissions Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

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Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on Thursday, May 25, 1995, with a vote to occur thereon.

Appointments:

Office of Compliance: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, announced the joint appointment of the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Glen D. Nager, of Washington, D.C., for a term of 5 years and to serve as Chair; Virginia A. Seitz, of Washington, D.C., for a term of 5 years; Jerry M. Hunter, of Missouri, for a term of 4 years; James N. Adler, of California, for a term of 4 years; and Lawrence Z. Lorber, of Washington, D.C., for a term of 3 years. **Page S7401**

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

Transmitting the report on aeronautics and space for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-52).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Lee Robertson, of Oklahoma, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

Robert H. Whaley, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

B. Lynn Winmill, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

A routine list in the Marine Corps. **Page S7403**

Messages From the President: **Pages S7387-88**

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Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S7389-90**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7390-91**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7391-99**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S7399-S7400**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7400-01**

Record Votes: Twenty-two record votes were taken today. (Total—202) **Pages S7305-07, S7334-35,**

S7339-40, S7343, S7345-46, S7349-51, S7353, S7360-61, S7363-64

Recess: Senate convened at 8 a.m., and recessed at 8:42 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 25, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S7403.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

1995 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation concluded hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on research and the future of American agriculture, after receiving testimony from Karl Stauber, Under Secretary Designate of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics; Susan E. Offutt, Executive Director of the Board on Agriculture, National Research Council; John Owens, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, on behalf of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Victor L. Lechtenberg, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the Research and Education Working Group of the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy; Frank F. Busta, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, on behalf of the Institute of Food Technologists; William R. Sprague, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Louisville, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Michael Wehler, Plain, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Animal Agriculture Coalition; Robert F. Barnes, American Society of Agronomy, Madison, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Crop Science Society of America and the Soil Science

Society of America; Alan Goldhammer, Biotechnology Industry Organization, Washington, D.C.; Larry Jefferies, New Castle, Kentucky, on behalf of the Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture; and David Morris, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

APPROPRIATIONS—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, receiving testimony from George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Mollie H. Beattie, Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and Mary Ann Lawler, Director of Budget, all of the Department of the Interior

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, June 6.

MEXICAN BANKING SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the peso devaluation and the Administration aid package on the banking system and economy of Mexico, after receiving testimony from Jerome I. Levinson, Economic Policy Institute, and Christopher Whalen, Legal Research International, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Bernard L. Weinstein, University of North Texas, Denton; Alberto Sanchez, Deutsche Bank Securities Corp., New York, New York; Juan Auping, Iberian American University, Raymundo Artiz, National Association of Manufacturers, and Javier Livas, all of Mexico City, Mexico; Sra. Liliana Flores, Monterrey, Mexico; and Gabriel Hinojosa, Puebla, Mexico.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to examine issues relating to international aviation policy, after receiving testimony from Federico Pena, Secretary, and Stephen H. Kaplan, General Counsel, both of the Department of Transportation; Kenneth M. Mead, Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Ronald Allen, Delta Airlines, and Thomas H. Weidemeyer, United Parcel Service Airlines, both of Atlanta, Georgia; Gerald Greenwald, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; Jeffrey Erickson, Trans World Airlines, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; Robert L. Crandall, AMR Corporation, Dallas, Texas; and George F. Doughty, Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee began markup of H.R. 4, to control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence by requiring States to encourage job placement measures, to provide for a job voucher program through the use of private profit and non-profit organizations, to eliminate certain Federal requirements to give States additional flexibility in operating their Job Opportunities and Basic Skill Training Program (JOBS), and to establish a temporary family assistance grant under which States can provide assistance to needy families with minor children, but did not complete action thereon, and will continue tomorrow.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia held hearings to examine the safety implications of unapproved aviation parts used in the rebuilding of aircraft, receiving testimony from David R. Hinson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, A. Mary Schiavo, Inspector General, and Harry Schaefer, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Office of the Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; Thomas T. Kubic, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Chester Paul Beach, Jr., United Technologies Corporation, East Hartford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Aerospace Industries Association; Michael F. Rioux, Air Transport Association of America, Walter S. Coleman, Regional Airline Association, and Edward J. Glueckler, Airline Suppliers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Gabor Kish, New York, New York; and James M. Frisbee, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

COUNTER-TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on the Administration's counter-terrorism intelligence gathering proposals, focusing on whether there is a need for increased wiretap and infiltration authority for Federal law enforcement, receiving written testimony from Jamie S. Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; James E. Moody, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and James X. Dempsey, Center for National Security Studies, and Donald M. Haines, American Civil Liberties Union, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Nineteen public bills, H.R. 1690–1708; and one resolution, H.J. Res. 92, were introduced. Pages H5570–71

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees were authorized to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, and Select Intelligence. Page H5490

Agreed To:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits the availability of funds authorized for population assistance to any private, nongovernmental, or multilateral organization that directly or indirectly performs abortions in a foreign country, except in instances of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 350); Pages H5490–92, H5502

The Bereuter amendment, as amended by the Brownback amendment, that increases the authorization for the Food for Peace program by \$25 million by reducing authorizations in other categories; and Pages H5528–30

The Bereuter amendment, as amended by the Smith of New Jersey amendment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 353), that strikes the earmark for the resettlement of South Asian boat people. Pages H5533–44

Rejected:

The Morella amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that sought to provide that the abortion prohibitions contained in the amendment would not be applicable to the medical treatment of injuries or illnesses caused by unsafe abortions (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 349); Pages H5492–H5501

The McKinney amendment that sought to prohibit military assistance or arms transfers to a foreign government unless the President certified that the foreign government adheres to a national code of conduct (rejected by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 351); Pages H5502–28

The Wynn amendment that sought to authorize \$12 million in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 for debt relief for Latin America and the Caribbean (rejected by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 352); and Pages H5530–32

The Hastings amendment that sought to increase the authorization for the Development Fund for Africa by \$173 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 141 ayes to 278 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 354). Pages H5544–52

Presidential Message—Aeronautics and Space: Message wherein he transmits a report on the Nation’s achievements in aeronautics and space during fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Science. Page H5553

Office of Compliance: The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate jointly appointed the following persons from private life to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Mr. Glen D. Nager of Washington, D.C., Chairman, to a 5-year term; Ms. Virginia A. Seitz of Washington, D.C. to a 5-year term; Mr. Jerry M. Hunter of Missouri, to a 4-year term; Mr. James N. Adler of California, to a 4-year term; and Mr. Lawrence Z. Lorber of Washington, D.C. to a 3-year term. Page H5553

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5572–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5501, H5502, H5527–28, H5521–32, H5544, and H5551–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL—CONSERVATION ISSUES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing on Conservation issues in the 1995 Farm bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter, Furse and Pete Geren of Texas; the following officials of the USDA: Jim Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment; and Paul Johnson, Chief, Natural Resource Conservation Service; and public witnesses.

FARM BILL—SUGAR

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing on 1995 Farm Bill—Sugar Title. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crapo, Miller of Florida, Schumer, Mink, and English; Gene Moos, Under Secretary,

Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; William Slyne, Chief, Import Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Douglas S. Eakeley, Chairman; Alexander D. Forger, President; and Thomas F. Smegal, Jr., member of the Board.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Waters; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 8.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 558, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act; and H.R. 1323, amended, Pipeline Safety Act of 1995.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

CONSOLIDATED AND REFORMED EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION SYSTEMS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1617, Consolidated and Reformed Education, Employment and Rehabilitation Systems.

RAMSPECK: REFORM, REPEAL, OR RETENTION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on

Ramspeck: Reform, Repeal, or Retention. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Timothy Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Human Resource Management Issues, GAO; James B. King, Director, OPM; Theresa Trujeque, Deputy Assistant Secretary, House Resources, Department of the Interior; W. Scott Gould, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance and Management, Department of the Treasury; Eugene Kinlow, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Personnel, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

FLAG DESECRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon and Montgomery; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on immigration issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Packard, Lofgren, Bilbray, Rohrabacher, Martini, Foley, Goss, Kim, Pickett, Underwood, Molinari, Mink, Beilenson, Seastrand, Torres, Filner, Hutchinson, and Coleman.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on National Security: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1141, Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1994; H.R. 1347, Maritime Administration Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996; H.R. 1350, Maritime Security Act of 1995.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1332, amended, Rongelap Recovery and Community Self-Reliance Act; S. 523, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner; and H.R. 1070, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in Central Valley project, CA as "Trinity Lake."

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

EXPLORE INCREASING AND IMPROVING OPTIONS FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings to explore increasing and improving options for Medicare Beneficiaries, with emphasis on Medicare HMO Enrollment Growth and Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Gail Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission; Stuart H. Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Jonathan Ratner, Associate Director, Health Financing Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security concluded hearings on the Social Security Disability Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCrery, Gekas, Kanjorski, Costello, and Bass.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on Federal farm export programs, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for military construction programs of the Department of Defense, focusing on Army and certain Defense agencies, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up proposed securities litigation reform legislation, and to consider the nominations of Bruce A. Morrison, of Connecticut, and J. Timothy O'Neill, of Virginia, each to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, 10 a.m., S-207, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 638, to authorize funds for United States insular areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on property line disputes within the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in Idaho, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, business meeting, to resume markup of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on various treaties on Conventions and Protocols on Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion

with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting, to continue to mark up proposed legislation authorizing funds for foreign assistance programs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sudan, Donald K. Steinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Mosina H. Jordan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, and Lannon Walker, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, 3 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the militia movement in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to hold hearings to examine the business role in vocational education, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine child protection issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Election Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1118 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the 1995 Farm Bill—Cotton and Feed Grains Titles, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the classified pricing for milk, the appropriate number of classes within the pricing system, replacement of the Minnesota-Wisconsin ("M-W") series, formulae to determine future prices for manufacturing and Class I milk, the continuation of state make allowances, the continuation or elimination of Class III-A pricing, and multiple component pricing, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, to markup legislation authorizing appropriations for the International Financial Institutions, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on innovative approaches to homeownership opportunities, focusing on the efforts of Habitat for Humanity International; to be followed by a markup of the Homesteading and Neighborhood Restoration Act, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to continue markup of H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995, time to be announced, 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on A Consumer's Perspective on Drugs and Biologics, 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Adams Fruit, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and the Committee on National Security, joint hearing on H.R. 1670, The Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on the authorization and oversight of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1675, National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Endangered Species Act Task Force, to continue oversight hearings on the Endangered Species Act, 12 p.m., 1324 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs, hearing on the SBA's Disaster Assistance Loan Program, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, to mark up AMTRAK reauthorization, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings to explore increasing and improving options for Medicare Beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, May 25

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Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1158, Supplemental Revisions, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, Congressional Budget, with further votes to occur thereon.

Senate is also expected to consider S. 735, Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act.

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10 a.m., Thursday, May 25

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Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interests Act.

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