

Friday, February 23, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1285–S1304*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1571–1573. **Page S1295**

**D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Page S1303**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report 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 Tuesday, February 27, 1996. **Page S1303**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S1295–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1297–98**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1298–S1303**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 12:53 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 1996, for the reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* On Wednesday, February 21, committee concluded hearings to examine monetary policy issues, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### GOVERNORS PROPOSAL ON WELFARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Finance:* On Thursday, February 22, committee held hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, receiving testimony from Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison; Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson

City; Delaware Governor Tom Carper, Dover; Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, Tallahassee; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing; and Colorado Governor Roy Romer, Denver.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 28.

#### INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR PAROLE AND PROBATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, February 22, committee concluded hearings to assess problems in monitoring and enforcing parole under the Interstate Compact for Parole and Probation, after receiving testimony from Representative Chabot; William Ridgely, Compact Administrator for Wisconsin, Madison; Mario Paparozzi, Deputy Compact Administrator for New Jersey, Trenton; Susan F. Bishop, Compact Administrator for South Carolina, Columbia, and Ray Parra, Compact Administrator for Texas, Austin, both on behalf of the Parole and Probation Compact Administrators' Association; and Jill Goldhart, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Columbus.

#### FDA REFORM

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* On Wednesday and Thursday, February 21–22, committee concluded hearings on S. 1477, to improve the Federal regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, after receiving testimony on Wednesday from David A. Kessler, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary R. Hamilton, Director of Operations, Program, Evaluation and Methodology Division, General Accounting Office; Sherwin Gardner, Bethesda, Maryland, former Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Carl Peck, Georgetown University Medical Center, John Villforth, Food and Drug Law Institute, Lester Crawford, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Susan Abbott, American Spice Trade Association, and Carolyn Smith Dewall, Center for Science and the Public Interest, all of Washington, D.C.; Ellen Stovall, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Silver Spring, Maryland; Derek Link, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, New York; Pam Walker, Mitretek Systems, McLean, Virginia; Neil

Kahanovitz, Center for Patient Advocacy, Arlington, Virginia; and Seth Rudnick, Leukemia Society of America, Providence, Rhode Island; and on Thursday from Senator Mack; William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gregory Reaman, Children's National Medical Center, Bernard Gersch, American Heart Association, Val D. Bias, National Hemophilia Foundation, Thomas J. Moore, George Washington University, and Raymond L. Woosley and Frederick Goodwin, both of the Georgetown University Medical Center, all of Washington, D.C.; Bruce Chabner, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; and Paul Stolley, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore.

## WORLDWIDE SECURITY THREAT

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* On Thursday, February 22, committee concluded hearings to examine the threat to worldwide security, after receiving testimony from John M. Deutch, Director of Central Intelligence; Tobi Trister Gati, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

## WHITEWATER

*Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters:* On Thursday, February 22, committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Harold Ickes, Deputy Chief of White House Staff.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 28.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 5 public bills, H.R. 2967–2971; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 364 were introduced.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from Speaker pro tempore Morella wherein she designates Representative Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Presidential Message—National Endowment for Democracy:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the 12th Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy for 1995—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Meeting Hour:** It was made in order that, when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, for morning hour debates.

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

**Adjournment:** Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MEDICAID—BIPARTISAN NATIONAL GOVERNORS' ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

*Committee on Commerce:* On February 21, the Committee held a hearing on the Unanimous Bipartisan National Governors' Association Agreement on Medicaid. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: John M. Engler, Michigan; Lawton Chiles, Florida; Michael O. Leavitt, Utah; Bob Miller, Nevada; Tommy G. Thompson, Wisconsin; and Roy Romer, Colorado.

### OVERSIGHT—DC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the Water and Sewer Systems of the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from Michael McCabe, Director, Region III, EPA; Tom Jacobus, Chief, Washington Aqueduct, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Larry King, Director, Department of Public Works, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

### LOCAL EMPOWERMENT AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* On February 22, the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative

Hoyer; Angela Park, Coordinator, Sustainable Communities, President's Council on Sustainable Development; Andrew Norton, Representative, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

## REAUTHORIZING EXPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on International Relations:* On February 22, the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Exports, Growth and Jobs—Reauthorizing Federal Export Assistance Programs. Testimony was heard from Ruth Harkin, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Timothy Hauser, Acting Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 26 through March 2, 1996

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senator Akaka will read Washington's Farewell Address.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, and consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, for respective party conferences.)

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 27, closed business meeting, to consider certain pending military nominations, 10 a.m., SR-222.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the role of the Department of Defense Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 27, to hold hearings to examine rail safety, focusing on the recent AMTRAK and MARC train accident in Maryland, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* February 28, to resume hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, focusing on the Administration's views, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 27, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the ban on United States travel to Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* February 28, to hold hearings to review the U.S./Euratom Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 27, to hold hearings on pharmaceutical patent issues, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Barry R. McCaffrey, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

February 28, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence on proposed legislation to combat economic espionage, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

February 28, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings on the changing nature of youth violence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

February 29, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* February 27, to hold oversight hearings on the Fair Labor Standards Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

February 28, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* February 29, to hold hearings to review the fiscal year 1997 budget and operations of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, and Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

February 29, Full Committee, to continue hearings to review the fiscal year 1997 budget and operations of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, and Architect of the Capitol, 2 p.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business:* February 28, to hold hearings on S. 917, to facilitate small business involvement in the regulatory development processes of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* February 28, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 28, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information on proposed legislation to combat economic espionage, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine mental illness among the elderly and the potential savings to the overall health care system that can result from prompt, accurate diagnosis and treatment of mental diseases, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters:* February 28, to resume hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 17, 28, and 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, on congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

February 27, 28, and 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 27, 28 and 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, on congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Programs (public witnesses), 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Economic Committee and Capitol Police Board, 9:30 a.m., and on Congressional Budget Office, Architect of the Capitol, and Botanic Garden, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Marsh Task Force, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Committee on Taxation and GAO, 9:30 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 29, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life in the Military, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* February 27, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Counterfeiting of U.S. Currency Abroad, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, hearing on proposals for Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 28, full Committee, to consider pending Committee business, 9:45 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Threat that Organized Criminal Groups Pose to the International Banking System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Rural Credit, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on Electricity: State of the States, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Need for FDA Reform, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 2967, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing and markup of the SEC Reauthorization Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Cancer Patient Access to Unapproved Treatments, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing on the Public Broadcasting Self-Sufficiency Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunity,* February 29, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and H.R. 2128, Equal Opportunity Act of 1995, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* February 26, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Using the Best Practices of Information Technology in Government, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, 12 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 28, Subcommittee on the Postal Service, hearing on H.R. 1963, Postmark Prompt Payment Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 29, full Committee, hearing on Census 2000: Putting Our Money Where It Counts, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on HUD's Management of Tenant Initiative Programs, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* February 27, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on worldwide persecution of Jews, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on The Western Hemisphere, hearing on Haiti: After The Departure of the U.S. Contingent from UNMIH, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* February 27 and 28, oversight hearings on Health Care Reform Issues: Antitrust, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Volunteer Liability; and a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2925, Antitrust Health Care Advancement Act of 1996; H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act; and H.R. 2938, Charitable Medical Care Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on the Independent Counsel Statute and H.R. 892, Independent Counsel Accountability and Reform Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and markup of H.J. Res. 129, granting consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact; and to mark up the following: H.R. 2604, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1995, and a measure to reauthorize the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security,* February 28, hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the F-14 safety record, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, February 26, hearing on H.R. 497, National Gaming Impact and Policy Commission Act, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, to mark up H.R. 1975, Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification Act of 1995, 1:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 29, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2823, International Dolphin Conservation Act and H.R. 2856, International Dolphin Protection and Consumer Information Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 29, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, oversight hearing on the Forest Service's Draft 1995 Renewable Resources Planning Act Program, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, February 27, to consider the following: H.R. 2854, Agricultural Market Transition Act; and Budget Views and Estimates, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, February 28, hearing on Allocating Federal Funds for Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on National Weather Service Modernization Program Status, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, February 28, hearing on small business' access to capital, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*. February 27 and 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearings on the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on Airport Privatization, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, February 28, to mark up the following: H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina be entitled to certain tax benefits; and H.R. 2853, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Bulgaria, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 29, hearing to review the current financial condition of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint hearing*: February 28, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: February 28, to hold a briefing on the forthcoming elections in Bosnia and the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE  
3 p.m., Monday, February 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 27

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Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senator Akaka will read Washington's Farewell Address.

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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Legislative program to be announced later.

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