

Thursday, February 13, 1997

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1339–S1424*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 320–341, and S. Res. 55–58. **Pages S1382–83**

#### Measures Passed:

*Modifying Milk Prices:* By 83 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 11), Senate agreed to S. Res. 55, expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding the need to address immediately the decline in milk prices. **Pages S1366–68**

*Congressional Adjournment:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, providing for an adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 25, 1997, and an adjournment of the Senate until Monday, February 24, 1997. **Pages S1417–18**

*Committee Funding:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 54, authorizing biennial expenditures by committees of the Senate. **Pages S1418–23**

**Population Planning—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 36, approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program, on Monday, February 24, 1997. **Page S1418**

**Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of certain amendments to be proposed to S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget. **Page S1418**

**Measures Indefinitely Postponed:** Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of the following measures:

*Modifying Milk Prices:* S. Res. 52, expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding the need to address immediately the current milk crisis. **Page S1423**

**Authority for Committees:** All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, February 18, 1997, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Page S1423**

#### Appointments:

*Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provision of P.L. 99–661, appointed Senator Levin as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. **Page S1423**

*U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council:* The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, re-appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senators Hatch, Grassley, and Murkowski. **Page S1423**

*Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Dodd as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress. **Page S1423**

*U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council:* The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senators Boxer and Lautenberg. **Page S1423**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Aida Alvarez, of New York, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. **Page S1423**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—11)	Pages S1367–68

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m. and, in accordance with H. Con. Res. 21, adjourned at 6:11 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Monday, February 24, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1423.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT REFORM

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee resumed hearings on S. 257, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to improve the Act by streamlining U.S. futures trading law and conforming it to the changing competitive environment, receiving testimony from Jerry L. Osborne, ConAgra, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Grain Trade Council; Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau, Bloomington, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Larry Quandt, Illinois Farmers Union, Mason, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; Kendell W. Keith, National Grain and Feed Association, Micah S. Green, Public Securities Association, on behalf of the Bond Market Trade Association, and Ed Rosen, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton, on behalf of a coalition of investment and commercial banks, all of Washington, D.C.; Daniel J. Roth, National Futures Association, Laurence E. Mollner, Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., on behalf of the Futures Industry Association, and Alger B. Chapman, Chicago Board Options Exchange, on behalf of certain securities self-regulatory organizations, all of Chicago, Illinois; Robert G. Easton, Commodities Corporation Limited, Princeton, New Jersey, on behalf of the Managed Futures Association; and Gay H. Evans, Bankers Trust International, on behalf of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and John J. Finigan Jr., Foreign Exchange Committee, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BIENNIAL BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 261, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, after receiving testimony from Senators Ford and Thomas; Louis Fisher, Senior Specialist, Separation of Powers, Congressional Research Service; John P. McTague, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; and Ronald K. Snell, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

### AUTHORIZATION—INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, receiving testimony from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Andrew H. Card, Jr., American Automobile Manufacturers Association, Washington, D.C.; Darrel Rensink, Iowa Department of Transportation, Des Moines, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Damian J. Kulash, Eno Transportation Foundation, Inc., Lansdowne, Virginia; and Alan E. Pisarki, Falls Church, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued hearings to examine the Administration's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998, focusing on spending proposals relating to Medicare, Medicaid and welfare, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Graham and McCain, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee met and agreed to authorize the issuance of subpoenas on matters relating to the committee's investigation of illegal or improper fund raising and spending practices during the 1996 Federal election campaigns.

## CORPORATE SUBSIDY REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 207, to review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable corporate spending subsidies in the federal budget, receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Kerry, and Feingold; and Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, Grover G. Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform, Courtney Cuff, Friends of the Earth, and Dean Stansel, Cato Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## FLEXIBLE WORKPLACE OPTIONS

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Employment and Training concluded hearings on S. 4, to provide private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, and to clarify the provi-

sions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, after receiving testimony from Senator Ashcroft; Mayor Paul F. Jadin, Green Bay, Wisconsin, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors, and Marilyn Richter, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, New York, both on behalf of the Public Sector FLSA Coalition; James A. Willms, Unicover Corporation, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Donna R. Lenhoff, Women's Legal Defense Fund, Susan M. Eckerly, National Federation of Independent Business, and David M. Silberman, Bredhoff and Kaiser, all of Washington, D.C.; Sandie Money Penny and Kathleen Fairall, both of the Timken Company, Randleman, North Carolina; William A. Stone, Louisville Plate Glass Company, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and Diana Thompson, Puyallup, Washington.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 64 public bills, H.R. 744–807; 2 private bills, H.R. 808–809; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54–55, H. Con. Res. 21–23, and H. Res. 56–73, were introduced. **Pages H585–89**

**Reports Filed:** One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 668, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes (H. Rept. 105–5). **Page H585**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, the Rev. Michael Osborne of Ocala, Florida. **Page H527**

**Page Board:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Fowler and Kolbe to the House of Representatives Page Board. **Page H527**

**Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Gingrich and McDade as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page H527**

**Smithsonian Institution:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Livingston and Sam Johnson of Texas as members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H527**

**Holocaust Memorial Council:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Gilman, Regula, LaTourette,

and Fox of Pennsylvania to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. **Page H527**

**United States Air Force Academy:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Hefley and Young of Florida as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy. **Page H527**

**United States Coast Guard Academy:** The Speaker appointed Representative Johnson of Connecticut as a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy. **Page H527**

**United States Merchant Marine Academy:** The Speaker appointed Representative King as a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. **Page H527**

**United States Military Academy:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Kelly and Taylor of North Carolina as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy. **Page H527**

**United States Naval Academy:** The Speaker appointed Representatives Gilchrest and Skeen as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy. **Page H528**

**American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts:** The Speaker appointed Representative Young of Alaska to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development. **Page H528**

**Resignation from the House:** Read a letter from Representative Richardson wherein he resigns from the House of Representatives to become Ambassador to the United Nations. **Pages H529–30**

**Presidential Finding on the Population Planning Program:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 22, the House passed H.J. Res. 36, approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program. **Pages H530–51**

**District Work Period:** House agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, providing for the adjournment of the two Houses. **Pages H551–52**

**Family Planning Facilitation and Abortion Funding Restriction:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 23, the House passed H.R. 581, to amend Public Law 104-208 to provide that the President may make funds appropriated for population planning and other population assistance available on March 1, 1997, subject to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions. **Pages H555–64**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 46, the rule under which the bill was considered. **Pages H552–55**

**Life and Service of Ambassador Pamela C. Harriman:** The House agreed to H. Res. 49, expressing appreciation for the life and service of the late Ambassador Pamela C. Harriman. **Pages H564–65**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 58, designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House. **Page H565**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that business in order under the calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 26, 1997. **Page H565**

**Address By The President of Chile:** Agreed that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, February 27, 1997 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Eduardo Frei, President of the Republic of Chile. **Page H565**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 27. **Page H565**

**Extension of Remarks:** Agreed that for today all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled "Extension of Remarks". **Page H566**

**Resignations and Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 25, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H566**

**George Washington Birthday Observance:** Agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to appoint two members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Thursday, February 20, 1997. **Page H566**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 25, 1997. **Page H566**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H580**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6:06 p.m. **Page H581**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H551 and H563–64. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 21, adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 1997.

## *Committee Meetings*

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administration for Children and Families and the Administration on Aging, Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Satcher, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Olivia Golden, Administrator, Children, Youth and Families; and Robyn I. Stone, Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging.

### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Committee on Taxation. Testimony was heard from Representative Archer.

**NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a briefing on the World Situation Update. The subcommittee was briefed by George Tenet, Acting Director, CIA; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, DIA, Department of Defense.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit continued hearings on Financial Services Modernization legislation including H.R. 268, Depository Institution Affiliation and Thrift Charter Conversion Act. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency; and John F. Downey, Executive Director, Supervision, Office of Thrift Supervision; Ricki Helfer, Chairman, FDIC; and Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC.

**CBO BUDGET OUTLOOK AND ANALYSIS**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on CBO Budget Outlook and Analysis of the Administration's Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neill, Director, CBO.

**ARMORED CAR RECIPROCITY AMENDMENTS; COMMITTEE BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported H.R. 624, Armored Car Reciprocity Amendments of 1997.

The Committee also approved the Committee budget and an oversight plan for the 105th Congress.

**OVERSIGHT PLAN; COMMITTEE BUDGET**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Approved an oversight plan and the committee budget for the 105th Congress.

**ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET: CIVIL SERVICE IMPACTS**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 budget: Civil Service Impacts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—GAO HIGH-RISK SERIES**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on "Oversight of the GAO's High-Risk Series." Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller

General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

**RURAL HEALTH CLINIC PROGRAM**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on the Need for Better Focus in the Rural Health Clinic Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Service Quality and Public Health; and Frank Pasquier, Assistant Director—Health Issues, Seattle; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kathy Buto, Associate Administrator, Policy, Health Care Financing Administration; Marilyn H. Gaston, M.D., Director, Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration; and George Grob, Deputy, Office of Inspector General; and public witnesses.

**SUPERFUND CLEAN-UP**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Superfund Clean-Up. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pallone and Mica; the following officials of the GAO: Peter Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues; Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director and Jim Donaghy, Assistant Director, both with the Resources, Community and Economic Development Division; and Mitchell Karpman, Mathematical Statistician; Elliot Laws, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; and public witnesses.

**HONG KONG'S REVERSION TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Hong Kong's Reversion to the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Bader, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**THREATS TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY**

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on threats to U.S. National Security. Testimony was heard from the following former Directors of the CIA: James Woolsey, William Webster, and James Schlesinger.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Small Business:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved an oversight plan for the 105th Congress.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Met for organizational purposes.

**USER FEES FOR FAA SERVICES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on Airlines' Proposals to Establish User Fees for FAA Services. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET; OVERSIGHT PLAN**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 budget. Testimony was heard from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; Preston M. Taylor, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Maj. Gen. John P. Herrling, USA (Ret.), Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; and H. Martin Lancasater, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

The Committee also approved an oversight plan for the 105th Congress.

**MEDICARE PROVISIONS OF ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare provisions in the Administration's budget. Testimony was heard from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Fi-

nancing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET—HUMAN RESOURCES PROVISIONS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on the Human Resource provisions of the fiscal year 1998 Administration's budget. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas; Olivia A. Golden, Acting Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Carolyn W. Colvin, Deputy Commissioner, Programs and Policy, SSA; and public witnesses.

**House**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "U.S. Counternarcotics Assistance to Colombia," 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

Week of February 24 through February 28, 1997

**House Chamber**

*Monday,* The House is not in Session.

*Tuesday through Friday,* The legislative program will be announced later. On Thursday, the House and Senate will receive His Excellency Eduardo Frei, President of the Republic of Chile in a Joint Meeting.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11:30 a.m., Monday, February 24

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 25

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senator Frist will read Washington's Farewell Address. Senate will also consider H.J. Res. 36, regarding population planning, and resume consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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