

Wednesday, March 12, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Federico Peña as Secretary of Energy.
House committees ordered reported 19 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2157–S2220

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 426–434. **Page S2206**

Measures Passed:

Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 410, to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S2219–20**

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 18, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. **Pages S2173–S2201**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, March 13, 1997.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 30 EX), Federico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy.

Pages S2157–63, S2171–73

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Letitia Chambers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

James Catherwood Hormel, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Prezell R. Robinson, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-first Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. **Page S2220**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—30). **Page S2173**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 13, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2220.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the ballistic missile defense program, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 19.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Army Force XXI initiatives and Army modernization programs, receiving testimony from Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development, and Acquisition; and Gen. William W. Hartzog, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military compensation and quality of life programs, receiving testimony from Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air Force Personnel; and Michael F. Ouellette, Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S.A., Sydney Hickey, National Military Family Association, and Col. Paul W. Arcari, USAF (Ret.), Retired Officers Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on U.S. national security space programs and policies, receiving testimony from Gen. Howell M. Estes, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command; Gil I. Klinger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Space; and Keith R. Hall, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

INDIAN HOUSING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs/Committee on Indian Affairs: Committees concluded joint hearings to review the operation of Indian

housing programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, focusing on allegations of abuse, mismanagement, and fraud and the implementation of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (P.L. 104-330), after receiving testimony from Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Kevin Marchman, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, and Dominic Nessi, Director, Office of Native American Programs, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; and Jacqueline L. Johnson, Tlingit-Haida Indian Housing Authority, Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council.

UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, focusing on efforts to implement universal telephone service reform and FCC proposals to assess new per-minute fees on Internet service providers, receiving testimony from Reed E. Hundt, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; William P. Barr, GTE Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut; Anne K. Bingaman, LCI International/LCI Local Telecommunications Division, McLean, Virginia, on behalf of the Competitive Telecommunications Association (CompTel); Gail McGovern, AT&T Corp., Basking Ridge, New Jersey; Roy Neel, United States Telephone Association, Washington, D.C.; and Anthony Wong, Cecil County Public Schools, Elkton, Maryland, on behalf of the Education and Library Networks Coalition and the National School Boards Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee began mark up of S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 1998 graduate medical education training proposals and the New York Graduate Medical Education demonstration project,

receiving testimony from Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Don E. Detmer, Co-Chairman, Committee on the U.S. Physician Supply, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, on behalf of the Association of Academic Health Centers; Robert A. Crittenden, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle; Spencer Foreman, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York, on behalf of the Greater New York Hospital Association; and Ralph W. Muller, University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings on the Administration's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for security assistance, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary of State for Political/Military Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Thomas G. Rhame, USA, Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS THREAT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings to examine Mexican and American responses to the international narcotics threat, after receiving testimony from Senators D'Amato, Feinstein, Grassley, and Hutchison; Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Tim Nelson, National Narcotic Officers' Association, Greenville, North Carolina; and George R. Vickers, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, D.C.

Prior to this action, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on Mexican and American responses to the international narcotics threat from a former senior law enforcement official in Mexico.

CLONING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings to examine the ethical, legal and social implications of recent discoveries in cloning, after receiving testimony from Senators Bond and Domenici; Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Ian Wilmut, Roslin Institute, Edinburgh, Scotland; R. Alta Charo, University of Wisconsin, Madison, on behalf of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission; George J. Annas, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Karen H. Rothenberg, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore; John Wallwork, Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, England; Leonard Bell, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., New Haven, Connecticut; and James A. Geraghty, Genzyme Transgenics, Framingham, Massachusetts.

SMITHSONIAN/WOODROW WILSON CENTER/KENNEDY CENTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the operations of the Smithsonian Institution, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, after receiving testimony from I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Constance B. Newman, Under Secretary, and J. Dennis O'Connor, Provost, all of the Smithsonian Institution; Charles Blitzer, Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and Kenneth M. Duberstein, Vice Chairman, and Alma Johnson Powell, Vice Chairman, both of the Board of Trustees, and Lawrence J. Wilker, President, all of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee continued hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, where the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1031–1051; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 46–47, and H. Res. 92, 93, 96, were introduced. **Pages H948–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 94, providing for consideration of H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District (H. Rept. 105–19);

H. Res. 95, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 58, disapproving the certification of the President regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997 (H. Rept. 105–20);

H.R. 1, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector, amended (H. Rept. 105–21); and

H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act (H. Rept. 105–22, Part I).

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Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 44 nays, Roll No. 39, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 12. **Pages H891–92**

Motion to Adjourn: By a yea-and-nay vote of 26 yeas to 392 nays, Roll No. 40, rejected the Bonior motion to adjourn. **Pages H895–96**

Balanced Budget: By a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 44, the House agreed to H. Res. 89, requesting the President to submit a budget for fiscal year 1998 that would balance the Federal budget by fiscal year 2002 without relying on budgetary constraints. **Pages H904–23**

Rejected the Spratt motion that sought to recommit H. Res. 89 to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report a detailed budget plan to achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 in sufficient time for the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligations under section 301(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, which requires Congress to complete action on or before April 15 on a concurrent resolution on the budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such year (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 43). **Pages H921–23**

H. Res. 90, the rule under which the resolution was considered, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 42. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 41.

Pages H896–H904

United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Yates to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. **Page H923**

Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Thomas as Chairman; and Representatives Ney, Boehner, Hoyer, Clay, and Frost as members of the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards. **Pages H923–24**

Social Security Advisory Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Ms. Jo Anne Barnhart of Arlington, Virginia to fill the existing vacancy on the Social Security Advisory Board. **Page H924**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H891–92, H895–96, H903–04, H904, H922–23, and H923. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 111, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, CA, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school; H.R. 394, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center; and H.R. 1000, to require States to establish a system to prevent prisoners from being considered part of any household for purposes of determining eligibility of the household for food stamp benefits to be provided to the household under the Food Stamp Act of 1997.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on the status of the electronic benefit transfer system for the food stamp program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mary Ann Keeffe, Acting Under Secretary,

Food and Consumer Services; and Roger Viadero, Inspector General; Bob Rasor, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigation, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; G. Edward De Seve, Controller, OMB; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on food safety. Testimony was heard from Ron Billy, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on United States Information Agency/International Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from Joseph Duffy, Director, United States Information Agency; and David Burke, Chairman, Board of International Broadcasters.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterterrorism. Testimony was heard from Louis J. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Philip Wilcox, Coordinator, Counterterrorism; and Eric Boswell, Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal. Testimony was heard from the Department of Energy: Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Civilian Radio Active Waste Management; and Alvin Alm, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Vocational and Adult Education; Special

Education; Rehabilitative Services, and on Postsecondary Education. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Patricia W. McNeil, Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Housing Privatization Effort. Testimony was heard from John Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Affairs and Installations, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Air Force Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary, Acquisition; and Lt. Gen. George K. Muellner, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: Michael S. Coughlin, Deputy Postmaster General; and Mary S. Elcano, Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Community Development Financial Institutions and on National Credit Union Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert E. Rubin, Secretary; and Kristen Moy, Head, Community Development Financial Institutions; and Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings on financial services modernization. Testimony was heard from Representative Leach; and public witnesses.

CORRECTING THE CPI

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on correcting the CPI. Testimony was heard from Katharine Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor; and Michael Boskin, Professor of Economics, Stanford University.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 968, to amend Title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; and H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ACQUISITION STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 173, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize donation of surplus law enforcement canines to their handlers; H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals; H.R. 930, Travel and Transportation Act of 1997; H.R. 514, amended, to permit waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia; H.R. 240, amended, Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1997.

The Committee also approved the following draft report entitled "A Citizen's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records".

The Committee also continued hearings on Federal Communications System Acquisition Strategy (post FTS 2000): An Industry Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the ex-

penses of certain committees of the House of Representatives.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

U.S.-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S.-Russian Relations. Testimony was heard from Ambassador-at-Large James F. Collins, New Independent States, Department of State.

DEMOCRATIC CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN SOUTH ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Democratic Continuity and Change in South Asia. Testimony was heard from Robin L. Raphel, Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE—ROUNDTABLE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Western Hemisphere Today: A Roundtable Discussion. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 908, to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; H.R. 929, amended, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997; H.R. 924, amended, Victim Allocation Clarification Act of 1997; H.R. 927, United States Marshals Service Improvement Act; H.R. 400, amended, 21st Century Patent System Improvement Act; and H.R. 672, amended, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 17, United States Code.

DOD AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on fiscal year 1998 Department of Defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; and Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force.

Hearings continue March 19.

B-2 BOMBER

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on B-2 Bomber program. Testimony was heard from Representative Dicks; and public witnesses.

REFORM INITIATIVES

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on reform initiatives.

Testimony was heard from David R. Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary (Industrial Affairs and Installations); Maj. Gen. Randolph W. House, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. John T. Scudi, USN, Director, Shore Installation Management; Brig Gen. Hugh Cameron, USAF, Commander, Air Force Center for Quality and Management Innovations, Department of the Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Stewart, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations Management, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 752, Citizen's Fair Hearing Act of 1997, and H.R. 757, American Samoa Development Act of 1997.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND OROVILLE-TONASKET IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 412, to approve a settlement agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for amendment purposes. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Doolittle and Miller of California.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO—DISAPPROVING CERTIFICATION

Committee on Rules: Granted a modified closed rule providing for consideration in the House with two hours of debate on H.J. Res. 58, disapproving the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment printed in the joint resolution.

The rule provides for separate consideration of the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules for a time specified in the report, to be equally divided between the proponent and an opponent and all points of order against said amendment are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Hastert, Shaw, Schiff, Stearns, Hamilton and Reyes.

U.S. AND ANTARCTICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the U.S. and Antarctica in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Norman Augustine, Chairman, U.S. Antarctic Program External Panel, NSF.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

EPA'S PARTICULATE MATTER AND OZONE STANDARDS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on EPA's Particulate Matter and Ozone Standards. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 NASA Authorization, Aeronautics and Advanced Space Transportation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Robert E. Whitehead, Associate Administrator, Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology; and Gary E. Payton, Deputy Associate Administrator (Space Transportation Technology) and Director, Space Transportation Division.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL INITIATIVES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on community renewal initiatives for low income areas. Testimony was heard from Representative Watts of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Met to consider pending Committee business.

The Committee also approved the Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998 for transmission to the Committee on the Budget.

AMTRAK CURRENT STATE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on the Current State of Amtrak. Testimony was heard from Don Otkoff, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Phyllis Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and Thomas M. Downs, Chairman, President, and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Superfund Reauthorization: Views

of EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

SOCIAL SECURITY ACT AMENDMENTS— NURSE AIDE TRAINING

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 968, to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET—REVENUE RAISING PROVISIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Revenue Raising Provisions in the Administration's Fiscal Year Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS; BUDGET— INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Budget—Intelligence Requirements. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

1998 BUDGET ISSUES

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Budget concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Budget to examine public policy issues of United States governors with regard to the proposed Federal budget for fiscal year 1998, after receiving testimony from Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson City, Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad, Des Moines, Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton, Frankfort, and North Dakota Governor Edward T. Schafer, Bismarck, all on behalf of the National Governors' Association.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, with the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the Government of the District of Colum-

bia's perspective on the Administration's proposal for the District of Columbia, 9:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Building.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Commerce, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine alternative options to the National Cheese Exchange as part of the dairy pricing system, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the unified commands military strategies and operational requirements, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings to examine the future of intercity passenger rail service, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to continue to mark up S. 104, to reform United States policy with regard to the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste; to be followed by resumed hearings to examine issues with regard to competitive change in the electric power industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to examine the future of the National Park System and to identify and discuss the needs, requirements, and innovative programs that will insure the Park Service will continue to meet its responsibilities well into the next century, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, focusing on program eligibility, 9:20 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine the tax treatment of capital gains and losses, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Subcommittee on Health Care, to resume hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare system, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget requests for fiscal year 1998 for certain International Organizations and Conferences and the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine national missile defense and prospects for U.S.-Russia ABM Treaty accommodation, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia to hold joint hearings

with the Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on District of Columbia, with the House Government Reform and Oversight Subcommittee on the District of Columbia and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia to examine the Government of the District of Columbia's perspective on the Administration's proposal for the District of Columbia, 9:45 a.m., 2154 Rayburn Building.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up 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 provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue hearings on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to continue hearings in closed session on the nomination of Anthony Lake, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

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For a Listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E455-57 in today's Record.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Supreme Court and Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on the FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Agency, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Energy Resources, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on National Endowments for the Arts and National Endowments for the Humanities, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Educational Research and Improvements; and the Office of Inspector General, 10 a.m., and on Howard University; and Special Institutions for the Disabled, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Congressional and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Fiscal Year 1998 Army Budget Overview, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn, and on Army Acquisition Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Federal Election Commission, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Multilateral Development Banks, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 968, to amend Title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; and H.R. 1001, to extend the term of appointment of certain members of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission, 9:45 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to markup H.R. 1003, Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997, following full Committee markup, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on the Administration's Education initiatives, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to continue hearings on the Government Performance and Results Act Implementation: How to Achieve Results, 10:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on HHS's Demonstration Program: "Healthy Start: Implementation Lessons and Impact on Infant Mortality, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing and markup on H.R. 956, Drug-free Community Act of 1997, 1:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Foreign Assistance and U.S. Foreign Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Impact of U.S. Development Assistance in Africa, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 1998: U.S. Information Agency and National Endowment for Democracy, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on revitalization of military housing, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on military compensation reform and recruiting/retention issues, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian Missile Detargeting and Nuclear Doctrine, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act; and H. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the significance of

maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on the NSF Fiscal Year 1998 Authorization, Part II (Outside Witness): Math, Science, and Engineering Education Programs, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Fiscal Year NASA Authorization: Space Shuttle Program, 10 a.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on FAA Research, Engineering and Development, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to continue hearings on Member policy initiatives and requests for high-

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Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 15, Medicare Preventive Benefit Improvement Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, to mark up Budget Authorizations for Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 for the U.S. Customs Service, the International Trade Commission, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Airborne Reconnaissance, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine economic problems of the income tax system, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn Building.

Joint Committee on Printing, to hold an organizational meeting; to be followed by a hearing on oversight of the Government Printing Office (GPO), 2 p.m., S-128, Capitol.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings to examine the future of Chechnya, 11 a.m., SD-538.

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10 a.m., Thursday, March 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, March 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of routine morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 18, proposed Constitutional amendment allowing Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures in elections.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 58, disapproving the certification of the President regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during fiscal year 1997 (modified closed rule, 2 hours of debate); and Consideration of H.R. 852, Paperwork Elimination Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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