

Friday, April 25, 1997

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages D3699–S3740*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 651–659. Page S3727

#### Measures Passed:

**Senior Citizen Home Equity Protection Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 562, to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage, and the bill was then passed. Pages S3712–17

**Volunteer Protection Act:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers 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, April 29, 1997. Pages S3738–39

Senate will consider the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Monday, April 28, 1997.

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

Andrew J. Pincus, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:27 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday,

April 28, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3739.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### AUTHORIZATION—HEALTH PROFESSIONS

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for health professions and nursing education programs of the Public Health Service Act, and related workforce issues, after receiving testimony from Representative Becerra, on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; Claude Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Leonard H. Finkelstein, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine; James E. Kennedy, University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Farmington, on behalf of the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Schools; Sheila A. Ryan, University of Rochester School of Nursing, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the National League for Nursing; John E. Maupin, Jr., Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, on behalf of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools; Stephen Gehlbach, University of Massachusetts School of Public Health and Health Sciences, Amherst, on behalf of the Association of Schools of Public Health; J. Ocie Harris, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, on behalf of the National Organization of Area Health Education Centers Program Directors; Robert E. Roush, Jr., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the National Association of Geriatric Education Centers; and David M. Gibson, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, on behalf of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting is on Monday, April 28.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL CAPITAL REVITALIZATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN—MEDICAID AND TREASURY BORROWING SECTIONS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, held a hearing on Medicaid and Treasury Borrowing Sections of the Administration's National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Plan. Testimony was heard from Edward DeSeve, Comptroller, OMB; Deborah Chang, Director, Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Mozelle W. Thompson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority: Mark Goldstein, Deputy Director and Dexter Lockamy, Chief Financial Officer; and the following officials of the District of Columbia: Michael Rogers, City Administrator, Charlene Drew Jarvis, Chairwoman Pro Tempore, Linda Cropp, Chairwoman, Committee on Human Services and Frank Smith, Chairman, Finance and Revenue Committee, all members of the City Council; Michael Rogers, City Administrator; Jalal Greene, Deputy CFO/Budget and Planning; Paul Offner, Commissioner, Commission on Health Care Finance; and Thomas Huestis, Deputy CFO/Finance.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 28 through May 3, 1997

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will consider the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, Volunteer Protection Act, with a cloture vote to occur thereon on Tuesday, April 29, 1997.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance/Bosnia, and any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 29, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

## Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* April 29, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense, natural disaster relief and other emergency assistance, and other non-emergency assistance, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 1, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior, 9 a.m., SD-192.

May 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Resources, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 1, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* May 1, Subcommittee on Readiness, to resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the Department of Defense Depot maintenance privatization initiatives, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* April 29, to hold hearings on S. 621, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and transfer residual regulatory authority from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State public service commissions, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

April 30, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on social security investment in the securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 1, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold oversight hearings on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* April 29, to hold hearings to examine automobile airbag safety issues, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of emerging trade issues on the U.S. consumer, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 30, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on the use of "Telepresence", the enabling technology for telemedicine and distance learning, 2 p.m., SR-253.

May 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* April 29, to hold oversight hearings to review a GAO evaluation of

the development of the Draft Tongass Land Management Plan, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 1, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 357, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management to manage the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* April 29, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to resume hearings to examine ozone and particulate matter standards proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* April 29, to hold hearings on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) Revision of the Flank Agreement (Treaty Doc. 105-5), 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* April 30, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings on fighting crime and violence in the District of Columbia, 2 p.m., SD-342.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposals to develop and implement management reforms to provide the Department of Defense with strategies and techniques to increase effectiveness, reduce costs, and minimize risks associated with program and administrative management, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 1, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to discuss certain issues with regard to the ABM Treaty, focusing on the national missile defense program, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* April 29, to hold hearings on the nomination of Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 3 p.m., SD-226.

April 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the operations of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SH-216.

May 1, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold oversight hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Services, focusing on criminal record verification process for citizenship applicants, 11:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* April 29, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

May 1, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine biomedical research priorities, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* April 30, to resume hearings to discuss revisions to Title 44, relating to

the operations of the Government Printing Office, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business:* May 1, to hold hearings on the Small Business Administration's finance programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* April 29, business meeting, to mark up S. 459, to authorize funds for and extend the Native American Programs Act of 1974; to be followed by an oversight hearing on the implementation of the San Carlos Water Rights Settlement Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-575), 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* April 30 and May 1, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday at 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* April 29, to hold hearings on improving chronic health care in Medicare and Medicaid, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

### House Chamber

*Monday,* No legislative business.

*Tuesday,* Consideration of H.R. 1271, FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of debate); and

Consideration of 4 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 1048, Welfare Reform Technical Corrections Act of 1997;

2. H.R. 680, Authorizing the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals;

3. H.R. 1342, Regarding Expiring Conservation Reserve Program Contracts; and

4. H.R. 363, Extending the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research Program.

*Wednesday and Thursday,* Consideration of H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of H. Res.\_\_\_\_, Committee Funding Resolution (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R.\_\_\_\_, Supplemental Appropriations Act (subject to a rule).

*Friday,* No votes are expected.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* April 29 and 30, Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on the Administration's Proposal, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 30, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

May 1, Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services, and Education, on SSA and National Education Goals Panel, 10 a.m., and on Corporation for National

and Community Service, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 1 and 2, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, April 29, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on Computer Generated Check Fraud, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, April 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Air Bags, Car Seats, and Child Safety, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medical Devices: Technological Innovation and Patient/Provider Perspectives, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Product Liability Reform and How the Legal Fee Structure Affects Consumer Compensation, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on Review of EPA's Proposed Ozone and Particulate Matter NAAQS Revisions: Perspectives of State and Local Elected Officials, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, April 29, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, hearing on the Administration's National Testing Proposal, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 30, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 1385, Employment, Training and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on "Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted in the D.C. School System?" 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, April 29, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on DC Retirement System: Coping with Unfunded Liabilities; and to mark up H. Con. Res. 13, expressing the sense of Congress that Federal retirement cost-of-living adjustments should not be delayed, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "Promotion Outreach Efforts for Census 2000", 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

April 30, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Federal Employees Group Life Insurance: Could We Do Better?" 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Post FTS-2000 Procurement, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index", 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the following: Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1997; and Special Government Employee Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

May 1, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, hearing on Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, April 30, to mark up the Foreign Policy Reform Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, April 29, to continue mark up of H.R. 3, Juvenile Crime Control Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997, and H.R. 120, Bankruptcy Law Technical Corrections Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to mark up H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on Safeguarding the Integrity of the Naturalization Process, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, April 29, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Health, Ecology, and Management, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 29, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and to consider the following bills: H.R. 413, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Washington State without full public participation and an express Act of Congress; H.R. 596, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument without express consent of Congress; H.R. 597, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full participation and an express Act of Congress; and H.R. 1127, to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of

national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 30, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 1420, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and to hold a hearing on H.J. Res. 59, to disapprove a rule affecting polar bear trophies from Canada under the 1994 amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act issued by the U.S. and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 1, hearing on H.R. 901, oversight hearing on the provision in the 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Act which removed the Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island from the coverage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, April 29, to consider the following: H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997; and H.R. 2, Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, May 1, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearings on "Why Exports Matter," 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, April 29, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Wetlands—recent regulatory and judicial developments, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Reauthorization of the War Risk Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, April 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Coordinated Care Options for Seniors, 9:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Expanding U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

April 30, full committee, to mark up the following: H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act; and a measure to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue hearings on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, May 1, executive, briefing on Chinese Counterintelligence Issues, 9 a.m., and, executive, Budget hearing on Legislative Issues, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: May 2, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April and the Consumer Price Index, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
2 p.m., Monday, April 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
2 p.m., Monday, April 28

Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:30 p.m.), Senate will consider the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, Volunteer Protection Act.

House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** No legislative business.



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