

Monday, May 19, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 763–764, and S. Con. Res. 27. **Page S4677**

Measured Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Con. Res. 27, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William P. Greene, Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

20 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 20, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4690).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution (S. Con.

Res. 27) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS RESEARCH

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, Production and Regulation concluded hearings on H.R. 363, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination Program of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, after receiving testimony from Robert Brewer, Senior Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and Richard M. Loughery, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute, the American Public Power Association, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

MEDICARE REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee held hearings to examine ways to restructure the current Medicare payment system to insure greater choice and equity, focusing on managed care plans, receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; David C. Colby, Deputy Director, Physician Payment Review Commission; Steve Brenton, Association of Iowa Hospitals and Health Systems, Des Moines; Doug Dillon, Providence Health Plans, Portland, Oregon; Susan Bartlett Foote, Coalition for Fairness in Medicare, Washington, D.C.; Kenneth E. Thorpe, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Hans Running, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 1660, was introduced. Page H2882

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 18, H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105-100);

H.R. 911, to encourage the States to enact legislation to grant immunity from personal civil liability, under certain circumstances, to volunteers working on behalf of nonprofit organizations and governmental entities, amended (H. Rept. 105-101 Part I); and

H. Res. 152, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105-102). Page H2882

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2877

Recess: The House recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m. Page H2881

Amendments: Amendments printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2883-H2925.

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

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NASA'S MISSION AND AMERICA'S VISION— FUTURE OF SPACE EXPLORATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice continued hearings on Defining NASA's Mission and America's Vision for the Future of Space Exploration, Part II. Testimony was heard from the following Astronauts: Buzz Aldrin; Scott Carpenter and Gene Cernan; and public witnesses.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FY 1998

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. The rule waives all points of order against the resolution and against its consideration. The rule provides for five hours of general debate (including one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies) equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and 20 minutes controlled by Representative Minge or his designee. The rule provides for the consideration of those 5 amendments in the nature of a substitute designated in section 2 of the resolution, if printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose, which may be offered only in the order designated, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes (except as specified in the rule) equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order are waived against the amendments designated in section 2. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except amendments offered by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule further provides that the concurrent resolution will not be subject to a demand for a division of the question of its adoption. Finally, the rule provides that rule XLIX (establishment of statutory limit on the public debt) shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich, Representatives Hobson, Smith of Michigan, Shuster, Doolittle, Sam Johnson of Texas, Doggett, Thompson, Minge, Brown of California, Oberstar, Peterson of Minnesota, DeFazio, Waters, Boyd, and Turner.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior, 9 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Capitol Police Board and the Congressional Budget Office, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the Quadrennial Defense Review, focusing on the impact of its recommendations on national security entering the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to mark up 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, S. 207, to review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal subsidies, and S. 307 and H.R. 680, bills to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofit providers of assistance to impoverished families and individuals, and to consider the nominations of David J. Barram, of California, to be Administrator of General Services, and Kenneth M. Mead, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, 4 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on proposed legislation granting lawful residence to Christophe Meili, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine the quality of various health plans, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on the Zona Rosa massacre, 10 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E976-77 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, hearing to review the

financing of National Forest roads, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1277, Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing regarding the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding visa fraud and immigration benefits application fraud, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the agreement reached by the United States, the environmental community and the mining industry in the New World Mine proposed buyout, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 60, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Casa Malpais National Historic Landmark in Springerville, AZ; H.R. 951, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, CO; H.R. 822, to facilitate a land exchange involving private land within the exterior boundaries of Wenatchee National Forest in Chelan County, WA; H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, OR; and H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, CA, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 408, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on regulatory, tax, licensing incentives and impediments to empowerment in rural and impoverished communities, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 11 a.m., S-5, Capitol.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to resume hearings to examine the process to enlarge the membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), 10 a.m., SD-538.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 20

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate may resume consideration of H.R. 1122, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

Senate may also begin consideration of the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 6 Suspensions:

1. S. Con. Res. 26, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony honoring Mother Teresa;

2. H.R. 1650, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Mother Teresa;

3. H. Res. 147, expressing the Sense of the House that the House of Representatives should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States;

4. H.R. 1306, Riegle-Neal Clarification Act of 1997;

5. H. Res. 121, expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives regarding the March 30, 1997 terrorist grenade attack in Cambodia;

6. H.R. 956, Drug-Free Community Act; and

Consideration of H. Con. Res. 84, Concurrent Budget Resolution for FY 1998 (modified closed rule, 5 hours of debate).

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