

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6105-S6288

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 950-955. **Page S6186**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Special Report entitled "Printing Pictures of Missing Children on Senate Mail". (S. Rept. No. 105-34)

S. 955, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-35)

Special Report entitled "Developments in Aging: 1996, Volume 1". (S. Rept. No. 105-36)

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Measures Passed:

Charitable Donation Antitrust Immunity: Senate passed H.R. 1902, to immunize donations made in the form of charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts from the antitrust laws and State laws similar to the antitrust laws, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6287**

Budget Reconciliation: Senate continued consideration of S. 947, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 431, of a technical nature. **Page S6120**

Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 434, to provide for an income-related reduction in the subsidy provided to individuals under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and to provide for a demonstration project on an income-related part B deductible. **Page S6132**

Kennedy Amendment No. 440, to means-test Senatorial health benefits in the same way as the bill means-tests Medicare part B premiums and deductibles. (Upon division, this provision of the amendment was agreed to.) **Pages S6132-33**

Hutchison Amendment No. 446, to require States to verify that prisoners are not receiving food stamp benefits. **Pages S6147-48**

Wellstone/Domenici Amendment No. 449, to provide for full mental health parity with respect to health plans purchased through the use of amounts provided under a block grant to States. **Pages S6150-51**

Domenici (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 452, to require medicaid managed care plans to provide certain comparative information to enrollees. **Pages S6156-57**

Domenici (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 453, to require managed care organizations to provide annual data to enrollees regarding non-health expenditures. **Pages S6156-57**

Domenici (for Craig/Bingaman) Amendment No. 454, to provide for a study and report analyzing the short term and long term benefits and costs to the medicare system of coverage of medical nutrition therapy services by registered dietitians under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act. **Pages S6156-57**

Domenici (for Harkin/McCain) Amendment No. 457, to reduce health care fraud, waste, and abuse. **Pages S6167-68**

Rejected:

Kennedy/Wellstone Amendment No. 429, to strike the provision relating to the imposition of a copayment for part B home health services. (By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6105, S6107-13**

Kennedy Amendment No. 440, to strike income-relating of the Medicare part B premiums and deductibles. (By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate agreed to a motion to table this division of the amendment.) **Pages S6132-42**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 428, to reduce health care fraud, waste, and abuse. **Pages S6105, S6132**

Gramm Amendment No. 444, to provide waiver authority for penalties relating to failure to satisfy minimum participation rate. **Page S6145**

Reed Amendment No. 445, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6145-47**

Hutchison Amendment No. 447, to modify the reductions for disproportionate share hospital payments. **Page S6148**

Chafee/Rockefeller/Jeffords Amendment No. 448, to clarify the standard benefits package and the cost-sharing requirements for the children's health initiative. **Pages S6148-50**

Durbin/Wellstone Amendment No. 450, to provide food stamp benefits to child immigrants. **Pages S6151-52**

D'Amato/Harkin Amendment No. 451, to improve health care quality and reduce health care costs by establishing a National Fund for Health Research. **Pages S6152-56**

Domenici (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 455, to confirm Title IV, Energy Title, to the provisions of the bill, with respect to the use of underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities. **Pages S6157-65**

Domenici (for Abraham/Levin) Amendment No. 456, to extend the moratorium regarding HealthSource Saginaw until December 31, 2002. **Pages S6165-67**

Domenici (for Helms) Amendment No. 458, to provide for inclusion of Stanly County, North Carolina in a large urban area under the Medicare program. **Page S6168**

Domenici (for Helms) Amendment No. 459, to provide for inclusion of Stanly County, North Carolina in a large urban area under the Medicare program. **Page S6168**

Domenici (for McCain/Wyden) Amendment No. 460, to provide for the continuation of certain State-wide medicaid waivers. **Pages S6168-69**

Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 461, to provide for the treatment of certain Amerasian immigrants as refugees. **Page S6169**

Domenici (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 462, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide medicare beneficiaries with notice of the medicare cost-sharing assistance available under the medicaid program for specified low-income medicare beneficiaries. **Page S6169**

Domenici (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 463, to provide for the evaluation and quality assurance of the children's health insurance initiative. **Page S6169**

Domenici (for Brownback) Amendment No. 464, to establish procedures to ensure a balanced Federal budget by fiscal year 2002. **Pages S6169-70**

Domenici (for Allard) Amendment No. 465, to expand medical savings accounts to families with uninsured children. **Pages S6170-71**

Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 466, to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through September 30, 2002. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Grassley) Amendment No. 467, to preserve religious choice in long-term care. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Kyl) Amendment No. 468, to allow medicare beneficiaries to enter into private contracts for services. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 469, to extend premium protection for low-income medicare beneficiaries under the medicaid program. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 470, to strike the limitations on DSH payments to institutions for mental diseases under the medicaid program. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 471, to strike the limitations on Indirect Graduate Medical Education payments to teaching hospitals. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Burns) Amendment No. 472, to provide that information contained in the National Directory of New Hires be deleted after 6 months. **Page S6171**

Domenici (for Hutchinson) Amendment No. 473, to clarify the number of individuals that may be treated as engaged in work for purposes of the mandatory work requirement for TANF block grants. **Pages S6171-72**

Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 474, to provide for the extension and expansion of spectrum auction authority and to provide for the flexible use of electromagnetic spectrum. **Page S6172**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 475, to ensure that certain legal immigrants who become disabled are eligible for disability benefits. **Page S6172**

Lautenberg (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 476, to enhance taxpayer value in auctions conducted by the Federal Communications Commission. **Page S6172**

Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 477, to provide food stamp benefits to child immigrants. **Page S6172**

Lautenberg (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 478, to require balance billing protections for individuals enrolled in fee-for-service plans under the Medicare Choice program under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act. **Page S6172**

Lautenberg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 479, to provide for medicaid eligibility of disabled children who lose SSI benefits. **Page S6172**

Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 480, to clarify the family violence option under the temporary assistance to needy families program. **Pages S6172-73**

Lautenberg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 481, to amend the provision with regard to transfer cases. **Page S6173**

Lautenberg (for Levin) Amendment No. 482, to allow vocational educational training to be counted

as a work activity under the temporary assistance for needy families program for 24 months. **Page S6173**

Lautenberg (for Wyden) Amendment No. 483, to provide for the continuation of certain State-wide medicaid waivers. **Page S6173**

Lautenberg (for Harkin) Amendment No. 484, to make community action agencies, community development corporations and other non-profit organization eligible for welfare-to-work grants. **Page S6173**

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 485, to provide that the hospital length of stay with respect to an individual shall be determined by the attending physician. **Pages S6173-74**

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 486, to provide additional funding for State emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens. **Page S6174**

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 487, to provide for the application of disproportionate share hospital-specific payment adjustments with respect to California. **Page S6174**

Lautenberg (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 488, to provide for actuarially sufficient reimbursement rates for providers. **Page S6174**

Lautenberg (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 489, to reinstate the requirements for provider payment rates. **Page S6174**

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 490, to improve the provisions relating to the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages S6174-75**

Lautenberg (for Baucus) Amendment No. 491, to prohibit cost-sharing for children in families with incomes that are less than 150 percent of the poverty line. **Page S6175**

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 492, to ensure the provision of appropriate benefits for uninsured children with special needs. **Page S6175**

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 493, to exempt severely disabled aliens from the ban on receipt of supplemental security income. **Pages S6175-76**

Lautenberg (for Conrad) Amendment No. 494, to provide for medicaid eligibility of disabled children who lose SSI benefits. **Page S6176**

Lautenberg (for Conrad) Amendment No. 495, to establish a process to permit a nurse aide petition to have his or her name removed from the nurse aide registry under certain circumstances. **Page S6176**

Lautenberg (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 496, to strike the limitation on the coverage of abortions. **Page S6176**

Lautenberg (for Kohl) Amendment No. 497, to clarify that risk solvency standards established for managed care entities under the medicaid program shall not preempt any State standards that are more stringent. **Page S6176**

Lautenberg (for Harkin) Amendment No. 498, to allow funds provided under the welfare-to-work grant program to be used for the microloan demonstration program under the Small Business Act. **Page S6176**

Domenici Amendment No. 499, to provide SSI eligibility for disabled legal aliens. **Pages S6176-77**

Domenici (for Chafee/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 500, to require that any benefits package offered under the block grant option for the children's health initiative includes hearing and vision services. **Page S6177**

Domenici (for Chafee/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 501, to require that any benefits package offered under the block grant option for the children's health initiative includes hearing and vision services. **Pages S6177-78**

Roth (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 502, to establish a Medicare anti-duplication provision. **Pages S6178-80**

Lautenberg (for Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 503, to extend premium protection for low-income medicare beneficiaries under the medicaid program. **Pages S6180, S6181**

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 504, to immediately transfer to part B certain home health benefits. **Pages S6180-82**

Roth (for Lott) Amendment No. 505 (to Amendment No. 448), to improve the children's health initiative. **Page S6182**

Roth Amendment No. 506, to make technical corrections and revisions. **Page S6181**

Roth (for Lott) Amendment No. 507 (to Amendment No. 501), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6181**

Roth (for Lott) Amendment No. 508 (to Amendment No. 500), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6181**

Roth (for Lott) Amendment No. 509 (to Amendment No. 492), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6181**

Lautenberg (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 510, to require that any benefits package offered under the block grant option for the children's health initiative includes hearing and vision services. **Page S6181**

Roth Amendment No. 511, to provide a substitute for the children's health insurance initiatives. **Page S6181**

Chafee Amendment No. 512 (to Amendment No. 511), to clarify the standard benefits package and the cost-sharing requirement for the children's health initiative. **Pages S6182-83**

Roth (for Lott) Amendment No. 513 (to Amendment No. 510), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6183**

Roth (for DeWine) Amendment No. 427, to continue full-time-equivalent resident reimbursement for an additional one year under medicare for direct graduate medical education for residents enrolled in combined approved primary care medical residency training programs. **Page S6182**

Motion to waive a point of order that Section 5822 of the bill violates section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act. **Page S6178**

Motion to waive section 310(d) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Reed Amendment No. 445, listed above. **Page S6146**

Motion to waive section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of D'Amato Amendment No. 451, listed above. **Page S6155**

Withdrawn:

Gregg Modified Amendment No. 426, to provide for terms and conditions of imposing Medicare premiums. **Pages S6105-06**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 112), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to waive section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Section 5611 of the bill, providing for an increase in the eligibility age for Medicare from age 65 to 67. **Pages S6113-32**

By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 114), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 310(d) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of division 1 of Kennedy Amendment No. 440, to delay the effective date of income-relating of the Medicare part B premiums and deductibles. Subsequently, a point of order that this division of the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S6132-44**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments/motions pending thereto, on Wednesday, June 25, 1997, with votes to occur thereon. **Pages S6287-88**

Messages From the House: **Page S6185**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—114) **Pages S6113, S6132, S6142, S6144.**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:54 p.m., until 9:20 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6288.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 955) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT

Committee on Appropriations/Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committees held joint hearings to examine the goals and requirements of the upcoming implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 which will require Federal agencies to submit a strategic plan outlining their major functions and operations over the next six years to Congress and OMB not later than September 30, 1997 and its importance to the American public, receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, and John Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, both of the Office of Management and Budget.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jane Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Kennedy and Kerry, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES DEREGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met to further discuss proposals to advance the goals of deregulation and competition in the electric power industry, focusing on the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and related

matters, receiving testimony from Barry P. Barbash, Director, Division of Investment Management, Securities and Exchange Commission; Susan Tomasky, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Sam I. Bratton, Arkansas Public Service Commission, Little Rock; Ferd C. Meyer, Jr., Central and South West Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Martin B. Kanner, Kanner and Associates, on behalf of the Consumers for Fair Competition, and William S. Scherman, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, on behalf of the Entergy Corporation, both of Washington, D.C.; Les E. LoBaugh, Jr., Pacific Enterprises, Los Angeles, California; and Larry A. Frimerman, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Columbus, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Eric H. Holder Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

PUNITIVE DAMAGE AWARDS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current punitive damage award system and its effect on the legal system, the economy, and the American consumer, focusing on the RAND report on punitive damages in financial injury jury verdicts, after receiving testimony from Representative Campbell; Theodore B. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Washington, D.C., former United States Assistant Attorney General; Stephen Carroll, RAND, Santa Monica, California; and Stephen Daniels, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2117–2032; 1 private bill, H.R. 2033; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 84 and H. Con. Res. 105, were introduced.

Pages H4338–39

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, (H. Rept. 105–150);

Committee on Appropriations report on the Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–151); and

H. Res. 174, providing for consideration of H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act and H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act (H. Rept. 105–152). Page H4338

Journal Vote: By a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 232, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, June 23.

Pages H4290–91

Recess: The House recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 noon. Page H4227

Riegle-Neal Amendments of 1997: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1306, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify the applicability of host State laws to any branch in

such State of an out-of-State bank—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H4230–31

Portrait Monument Ceremony: Agreed by unanimous consent that the authorization contained in H. Con. Res. 216, passed in the 104th Congress, relating to use of the rotunda for a ceremony to commemorate the placement of the Portrait Monument in the Capitol Rotunda, be extended to the 105th Congress, subject to concurrence by the Senate.

Pages H4231–32

Corrections Calendar—Federal Employee Life Insurance: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits. Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H4232–34

M-F-N to China: By a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 231, the House failed to pass, H.J. Res. 79, disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China.

Pages H4234–90

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of June 23. Pages H4166–67

Department of Defense Authorization Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal

years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on June 19, 20, and 23.

Pages H4291–H4309

Agreed to the Buyer amendment that prohibits funding for the deployment of ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 30, 1998 without a request from the President or otherwise as the Congress may determine; prohibits funding for law enforcement activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina after enactment; and requires a Presidential report on political and military conditions in Bosnia not later than December 15, 1997 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 278 ayes to 148 noes, Roll No. 234).

Pages H4298–H4301, H4308–09

Rejected the Hilleary substitute amendment to the Buyer amendment that sought to prohibit funding for the deployment of ground forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina after December 31, 1997; allow an extension of up to 180 days by the President if he transmits a report to the Congress requesting an extension and a joint resolution is then enacted specifically approving the request; prohibit funding for law enforcement activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina after enactment; and require a Presidential report on the deployment on the ground of U.S. forces not later than October 31, 1997 (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 233).

Pages H4301–08

Agreed to H. Res. 169, as amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on June 19.

Pages H3934–45

Commission On Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hoyer, Markey, Cardin, and Slaughter to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

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Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of May 7, 1997, as extended on June 12, 1997, be further extended through Tuesday, July 15, 1997. The order of the House concerning the ethics process made in order during the period beginning immediately and ending on July 15, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered

from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX, as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after July 15, 1997.

Pages H4313–14

Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

Pages H4336–37

Amendments: Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4339–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4289–90, H4290–91, H4307–08, and H4308–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE—DISASTER PRONE AREAS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on The Adequacy of Available Homeowners' Insurance in Disaster Prone Areas—The Problem. Testimony was heard from Daniel Sumner, General Counsel, Department of Insurance, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Financial

Services Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION AT A CROSSROADS

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Education at a Crossroads, What Works, What's Wasted in Federal Drug and Violence Prevention Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas and Etheridge; Carotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OSHA'S REINVENTION PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's reinvention project. Testimony was heard from Gregory Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA, Department of Labor.

OVERSIGHT—INSPECTORS GENERAL— INVESTIGATIVE PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on Investigative Practices of Inspectors General. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hamilton and Goss; Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State; Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Department of Defense and Chair, President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE); Michael Bromwich, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Patrick McFarland, Inspector General, OPM and Chair, Investigations Committee, PCIE; and Robert M. Bryant, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice and Chair, Integrity Committee, PCIE.

GULF WAR SYNDROME-STATUS OF EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Status of Efforts to Identify Gulf War Syndrome, with emphasis on Recent GAO Findings. Testimony was heard from Donna Heivilin, Director, Planning and Reporting, GAO.

Hearings continue June 26th.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; LIBERIAN ELECTION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action the following: H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected President; and a resolution urging a restoration of peace in Congo-Brazzaville.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on The Liberian Election: A New Hope? Testimony was heard

from Howard Jeter, U.S. Special Envoy to Liberia, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 695, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act.

NORTHERN IRELAND—HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights in Northern Ireland. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Act; H.R. 976, Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 1997; and H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Resident Exotic Plants and Pests threatening the health of the National Forests. Testimony was heard from William Mattson, Chief Insect Ecologist, N. Central Forest Experiment Station, Forest Service, USDA; Barbara Burns, Forest Insect and Disease Specialist, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

UTAH WILDERNESS PROTECTION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1952, Utah Wilderness and School Trust Lands Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 1500, to designate certain Federal lands in the State of Utah as wilderness. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cannon and Cook; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R.

134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain Water Storage Project and H.R. 1400, Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project Authorization Act. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT; TAXPAYER RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted by a recorded vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 2015 ("The Balanced Budget Act") and waives all points of order against its consideration. The rule provides three hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule considers the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, as adopted. All points of order are waived against the provisions of the bill, as amended by the rule. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 2014 ("The Taxpayer Relief Act") and waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and against its provisions, as amended by the rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule considers the amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2, as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides for consideration of the bill, as amended, as an original bill for the purposes of further amendment. The rule provides for the consideration of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, only if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, and which shall not be subject to amendment or to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against the amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kasich, Shays, Smith of Michigan, Archer, Thomas, Roukema, Fawell, Davis of Virginia, Castle, Barton of Texas, Spratt, Minge, Bentsen, Pomeroy, Rangel, Levin, Cardin, McDermott, Becerra, Peterson of Minnesota, Kennedy of Massachusetts, Hinchey, Dingell, Pallone, Brown of Ohio, Norton, Nadler, Taylor of Mississippi, Maloney of New York, Conyers, Meek of Florida, Visclosky, Eshoo, Furse, Thurman, Berry, Goode, Turner, Boyd, and John.

CIVILIAN AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT— ROLE OF R&D

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on The Role of R&D in Improving Civilian Air Traffic Management. Testimony was heard from Steven B. Zaidman, Director, Office of System Architecture and Investment Analysis, FAA, Department of Transportation; Henry McDonald, Director, Ames Research Center, NASA; and public witnesses.

FUTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the Future of Social Security for this Generation and the Next. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATO ENLARGEMENT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on NATO Enlargement. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to resume oversight hearings to examine Social Security investment in the securities markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Associate Administration for Commercial Space Transportation, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine waste within the Medicare's durable medical equipment program, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine encryption, key recovery, and privacy protection in the information age, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings to examine campaign financing, focusing on whether political contributions are voluntary, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold hearings to review a recent General Accounting Office (GAO) report entitled "Gulf War Illnesses: Improved Monitoring of Clinical Progress and Re-examination of Research Emphasis Needed", 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold oversight hearings on the Administration's proposal to restructure Indian gaming fee assessments, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review the current status and future prospects of livestock, dairy, and poultry trade between the United States and Asia, 10:00 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to markup appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to markup appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 3 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to markup appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 12:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on the Eizenstat Report and related issues concerning U.S. and Allied efforts to restore gold and other assets looted by Nazis in World War II, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to markup the following: H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act; H.R. 1276, Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1997; and a measure to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to markup the following measures: H.R. 1853, Carl D. Perkins Vocation and Applied Technology Act Amendments of 1997 Act, and H. Res. 139, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Education, States, and local education agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms, 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on Effectiveness of Counterdrug Technology Coordination at ONDCP, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on United States Policy Toward Lebanon, 10:00 a.m., and to markup the following: H. Con. Res. 88, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 16, 1997; H. Con. Res. 81, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful reso-

lution of the situation on Cyprus; a measure to transfer naval vessels to certain foreign countries; H. Con. Res. 99, expressing concern over recent events in the Republic of Sierra Leone in the wake of the recent military coup d'etat of that country's first democratically elected President; a resolution urging a restoration of peace in Congo-Brazzaville; and H.R. 1432, African Growth and Opportunity Act, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing to review issues in Central America, 1:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on proposals to provide rights to Victims of Crime, including the following measures: H.J. Res. 71, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims; and H.R. 1322, Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment Implementation Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to markup H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 7, Citizenship Reform Act of 1997; and H.R. 1428, Voter Eligibility Verification Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to markup the following measures: S.J. Res. 29, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C.; H.R. 765, Shackelford Banks Wild Horses Protection Act; H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; 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. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area; H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act; H.R. 951, to require the Secretary of the Interior to exchange certain lands located in Hinsdale, Colorado; H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the city of Tulare, Tulare County, California; H.R. 1127, National Monument Fairness Act of 1997; H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon; and H.R. 1658, Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1997, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on market-based solutions to air service problems for medium-sized communities, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:20 a.m., Wednesday, June 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, June 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of one Senator for a speech, Senate will continue consideration of S. 947, Budget Reconciliation, with votes to occur thereon.

Senate may also begin consideration of S. 949, Revenue Reconciliation.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1998 (structured rule);

Vote on Suspension, H. Con. Res. 102, Resolution Regarding Cost of Government Day (Rolled from Monday, June 23); and

Consideration of H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act (modified closed rule, 3 hours of general debate).

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