

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1963–S2082*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1761–1767. Page S1990

**Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. Page S1988

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the motion could occur on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. Page S1988

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, with a vote on the motion close further debate on the motion to proceed to occur at 12:15. Page S2082

#### Appointments:

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 102–246, appointed John W. Kluge, of New York, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board. Page S2082

**Nomination-Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the nomination of Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, to occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 1998. Page S2082

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

By unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 33EX), Jeremy D. Fogel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. Pages S1986–88

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which was sent to the Senate on July 31, 1997. Page S2082

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–111). Pages S1988–89

Transmitting a report of the fiscal year 1999 budget request of the District of Columbia Courts; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–112). Page S1990

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S1997–S2002

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—33) Page S1988

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 17, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2082.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES

**Special Committee on Aging:** Committee concluded hearings to examine the lending practices of the subprime lending market which provides loans to high risk borrowers, focusing on how senior citizens are targeted by unscrupulous lenders, after receiving testimony from Jodie Bernstein, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Gene A. Marsh, University of Alabama Law School,

Tuscaloosa; William J. Brennan, Jr., Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Helen Ferguson, Washington, D.C.; Vireta Jackson Arthur, New

York, New York; Gael M. Carter, Falls Church, Virginia; and a protected witness.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 2 public bills, H.R. 3465–3466, were introduced. Page H1168

**Reports Filed:** The following reports were filed on Friday, March 13:

H.R. 1704, to establish a Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis, amended (H. Rept. 105–441 Part 1);

H. Con. Res. 227, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (H. Rept. 105–442); and

H.R. 2870, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests, amended (H. Rept. 105–443). Page H1168

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1161

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Emergency Re Iran:** Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–229); and Pages H1164–65

**District of Columbia Courts:** Message wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia Court's fiscal year 1999 budget request—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–230). Page H1165

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1161.

**Referral:** S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H1165

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

**Adjournment:** Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing to receive a Report on Allegations of CIA Involvement of Drug Trafficking in California. Testimony was heard from Representatives Millender-McDonald and Waters; and Frederick P. Hitz, Inspector General, CIA.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, focusing on the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, 9 a.m., SR–332.

*Committee on Appropriations,* business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agriculture Marketing Service, and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international narcotics control plans and policy, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to hold hearings on the nominations of David R. Oliver, of Idaho, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Paul J. Hoeper, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on ship acquisition, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on the Budget,* business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal

year 1999 budget for the Federal Government, 11 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine privacy in the digital age, focusing on encryption and mandatory access issues, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to review policy directives for protecting America's critical infrastructures, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, to hold hearings to examine retirement security issues, focusing on S. 957, to establish a Pension ProSave system which improves the retirement income security of millions of American workers by encouraging employers to make pension contributions on behalf of employees, by facilitating pension portability, by preserving and increasing retirement savings, and by simplifying pension law, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs*, business meeting, to consider the nomination of Togo D. West, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to be followed by hearings on Persian Gulf War illnesses, focusing on the lessons learned from Desert Storm regarding chemical and biological weapons preparedness, 10 a.m., SH-216.

## NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E380-82 in today's Record.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Natural Resources and Environment, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Smithsonian, 10 a.m., and on Bureau of Land Management, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Dental Research, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the National Center for Research Resources, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, on U.S. Central Command/U.S. European Command, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: Environmental Self Audits, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Federal Employee Health Benefits: OPM Program Guidance for 1999, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, to hold a hearing and mark up of H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998, and to mark up H.R. 1704, Congressional Office of Regulatory Analysis Creation Act, 4 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing to preview the President's Historic Visit to Africa, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, to mark up H.R. 2786, Iran Missile Protection Act of 1997, 4:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the findings of the Federal Advisory Committee on Gender-Integrated Training and Related Issues and Department of Defense response, 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on ballistic missile testing, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1833, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1997; and H.R. 2742, California Indian Land Transfer Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 3297, to suspend the continued development of a roadless area policy on public domain units and other units of the National Forest System pending adequate public participation and determination that a roadless area policy will not adversely affect forest health, and to hold an oversight hearing on follow up on the Administration's Forest Service Roadless Area Moratorium, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on H.R. 2544, Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Director of Central Intelligence Overview, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, March 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will consider the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools, with a cloture vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to occur thereon at 12:15 p.m.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on the nomination of Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday,** Consideration of 6 Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 2864, Occupational Safety and Health Administration Compliance Assistance Authorization Act of 1997;

(2) H.R. 2877, A Bill to Amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970;

(3) H. Con. Res. 238, Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds for a Breast Cancer Survivors Event Sponsored by the National Race for the Cure;

(4) H. Res. 364, Urging the Introduction and Passage of a Resolution on the Human Rights Situation in the People's Republic of China at the 54th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights;

(5) H. Res. 373, Commending Democracy in Botswana; and

(6) H. Con. Res. 235, Calling for an End to the Violent Repression of the Legitimate Rights of the People of Kosovo.

*NOTE: The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.*

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