

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3375–S3467

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1965–1970, and S. Res. 212–214. **Pages S3428–29**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–174) **Page S3428**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the U.S. Army Reserve: Senate agreed to S. Res. 213, congratulating the United States Army Reserve on its 90th anniversary and recognizing the important contributions of Strom Thurmond, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who served with distinction in the United States Army Reserve for 36 years. **Pages S3465–66**

Commending the Grand Forks Herald: Senate agreed to S. Res. 214, commending the Grand Forks Herald for its public service to the Grand Forks area and receipt of a Pulitzer Prize. **Page S3466**

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: Senate continued 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, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S3375–S3407, S3410–23, S3426**

Adopted:

Frist Amendment No. 2294 (to Amendment No. 2293), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3379–83**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 91), Gorton Amendment No. 2293, to provide for direct awards of education funding. **Pages S3375–85, S3418–19**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 92), Hutchinson Amendment No. 2296, to express the sense of Congress that the Department of Education, States, and local educational agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms. **Pages S3390–96, S3419**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 94), Ashcroft Amendment No. 2300 (to Amendment No. 2299), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3403–07, S3420**

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 93), Murray Amendment No. 2295, to express the sense of Congress regarding reductions in class size. **Pages S3385–93, S3396, S3419–20**

Pending:

Coats Amendment No. 2297, to provide an additional incentive to donate to elementary and secondary schools or other organizations which provide scholarships to disadvantaged children. **Pages S3396–98, S3422–23**

Levin/Bingaman Amendment No. 2299, to replace the expansion of education individual retirement accounts to elementary and secondary school expenses with an increase in the lifetime learning education credit for expenses of teachers in improving technology training. **Pages S3399–S3407, S3420–22**

Landrieu Amendment No. 2301, to provide funding to carry out a program that recognizes public and private elementary and secondary schools that have established standards of excellence. **Pages S3414–18**

Kempthorne Modified Amendment No. 2302 (to Amendment No. 2301), to provide for student improvement incentive awards. **Pages S3417–18, S3426**

Levin Amendment No. 2303 (to Amendment No. 2299, as amended), to replace the expansion of education individual retirement accounts to elementary and secondary school expenses with an increase in the lifetime learning education credit for expenses of teachers in improving technology training. **Pages S3420–22**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, April 23, 1998.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Davis Clarke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea.

George Williford Boyce Haley, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Gambia.

Katherine Hubay Peterson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

Laurence J. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. Page S3467

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

John C. Truesdale, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, which was sent to the Senate on April 2, 1998.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—94) Pages S3418–20

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 23, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3467.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the ballistic missile defense program, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 29.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings to examine how to promote and deliver advanced telecommunication services, including satellite technology, broadband services, and network applications, to consumers in accordance with Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which directs the Federal Communications Commission to lift any regulatory barrier that is preventing companies from investing in and deploying high-speed data technologies to the public, after receiving testimony from Ellwood R. Kerkeslager, AT&T Corp., Jeffrey A. Eisenach, Progress and Freedom Foundation, David Finkelstein, SkyBridge Limited Partnership, Erik R. Olbeter, Economic Strategy Institute, and Timothy J. Regan, Corning Incorporated, all of Washington, D.C.; Charles J. McMinn, Covad Communications Company, Santa Clara, California, on behalf of the Association of Local Telecommunications Services; and Joseph R. Zell, U S West Communications, Denver, Colorado; and Russell Daggatt, Teledesic, Kirkland, Washington.

VIRTUAL MANUFACTURING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness held hearings to examine current applications of virtual manufacturing which is the use of information technology to understand, diagnose, and control certain manufacturing processes, and its impact on the future of American industry, focusing on the applications of digital and robotics technologies in its design, production, and control processes, receiving testimony from Robert Spitzer, Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington; and Daniel J. VandenBossche, Chrysler Corporation, and Eric Mittelstadt, FANUC Robotics North America, Inc., both of Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CHILD CARE ACCESS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings to examine issues relating to child care access, affordability, and supply in America and the impact of welfare reform on State and Federal child care programs, and a related measure S. 1577, to provide additional tax relief to families to increase the affordability of child care, receiving testimony from Senator Dodd; Mark V. Nadel, Associate Director for Income Security, Health, Education and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor Bernard A. Jackvony, Providence; Rochelle

Chronister, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Topeka; Christine C. Ferguson, Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Cranston; Robert P. Hallenbeck, ECS, Inc., Exton, Pennsylvania; Donna Kline, Marriot International, Bethesda, Maryland; Donna T. Munday, UNUM Corporation, Portland, Maine; Jolene Ivey, MOCHA Moms, Cheverly, Maryland; Susan Muenchow, Florida Children's Forum, Tallahassee; Beverly Smith, Child Welfare League of America, Hyattsville, Maryland; Paula Broglio, Adelphia, Maryland; and Susan Elizabeth Dutcher, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, and Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. DeSeve was introduced by Senator Specter.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of James K. Robinson, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Abraham and Levin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information

held joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence to examine Federal efforts in dealing with chemical and biological weapons threats to America, and the implementation of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (P.L. 104-132), receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Togo D. West, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of a proposal to invest Social Security trust funds in the stock market, focusing on a General Accounting Office report, "Implications of Government Stock Investing for the Trust Fund, the Federal Budget, and the Economy", after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Associate Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Bruce K. MacLaury, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Committee for Economic Development; Alicia H. Munnell, Boston College, and James S. Phalen, State Street Corporation, both of Boston, Massachusetts; Olivia S. Mitchell, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Louis D. Enoff, Enoff Associates, Ltd., Sykesville, Maryland, former Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3702–3714; were introduced. Page H2236

Reports Filed: H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, Colorado, and The Water Supply and Storage Company to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas (H. Rept. 105–489);

H.R. 3603, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105–490);

H. Res. 408, providing for consideration of H.R. 1252, to modify the procedures of the Federal courts in certain matters (H. Rept. 105–491); and

Conference report on S. 1150, ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs (H. Rept. 105–492). Pages H2171–H2205, H2236

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2123

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Adrian Condit of Ceres, California. Page H2123

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Read a letter from the Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions adopted by the Committee on March 24, 1998—referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Page H2128

Hydrographic Services Improvement Act: The House passed H.R. 3164, to describe the hydrographic services functions of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Pages H2129–32

Agreed to the Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the Buy America Act, expresses the sense of Congress that entities receiving assistance should purchase American-made products and requires a notice from the Secretary of Commerce to recipients of assistance to that effect; and prohibits contracts with any person who falsely labels products or equipment as “Made in America”. Page H2132

Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, to declare the House resolved

into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of H.R. 3164 and that consideration proceed according to the following order: (1) The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. Points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI or section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. (2) General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. (3) After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. (4) In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1. Each section shall be considered as read. Points of order for failure to comply with clause 5(a) of rule XXI or section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are waived. (5) During consideration of the bill for amendment, the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the Congressional Record. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. (6) The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. (7) At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. (8) The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Page H2128

Tax Limitation Congressional Amendment: By a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 102, and two-thirds required for passage, the House

failed to pass H. J. Res. 111, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations. **Pages H2135–64, H2170–71**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 407, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment specified in H. Rept. 105–488, the report accompanying the rule was considered as adopted. **Pages H2133–35**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:56 p.m. and reconvened at 5:37 p.m. **Page H2170**

BESTEIA Conference Appointment: The Chair appointed additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce for consideration of provisions in the House bill and Senate amendment to H.R. 2400 relating to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program; and sections 124, 125, 303, and 502 of the House bill; and sections 1407, 1601, 1602, 2103, 3106, 3301–3302, 4101–4104, and 5004 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, and Dingell; provided that Representative Tauzin is appointed in lieu of Representative Bilirakis for consideration of sections 1407, 2103, and 3106 of the Senate amendment. **Page H2205**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2123.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2237.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H2170–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services held a hearing on SSA and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting and National Education Goals Panel. Testimony was heard from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; Robert Coonrod, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3532, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999; H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project No. 9248 in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project.

REFORMULATED GASOLINE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the implementation of the Reformulated Gasoline Program in California, focusing on H.R. 630, to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the exclusive application of California State regulations regarding reformulated gas in certain areas within the State. Testimony was heard from Representative Tauscher; Richard Wilson, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA; Robert Gee, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CLINICAL TRIAL SUBJECTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on Clinical Trial Subjects: Adequate FDA Protections? Testimony was heard from Michael A. Friedman, Deputy Lead Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division; and Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies' Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division; and the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Robert J. Williams, Acting Inspector General; and John Berry, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget.

JUDICIAL REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1998. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation, as reported, providing new budget authority, changes in revenues, or changes in the public debt

for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for the year has been agreed to).

The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 9 (and redesignating succeeding sections accordingly). The rule provides that each section of that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting nongermane amendments) or section 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act.

The rule further provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Coble, Chabot, Frank of Massachusetts, Nadler, Jackson Lee and Delahunt.

BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH—FEDERAL FUNDING

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on the Irreplaceable Federal Role in Funding Basic Scientific Research. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NSF BUDGET AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on the National Science Foundation Fiscal Year Budget Authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF; and John E. Hopcroft, Member, National Science Board.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing regarding the Small Business Innovation Research Program. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Haley, Deputy Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; Susan D. Kladiva, Acting Associate Director, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Kesh Narayanan, Director, Industrial Innovation Group, NSF; Wendy Baldwin, M.D., Deputy Director, Extramural Research, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel

O. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Technology, SBA; Charles F. Cleland, Director, Small Business Innovation Research Program, USDA; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization: State of the Railroad Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT—PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representatives Matsui, Doolittle, Visclosky, Pomeroy, Shaw, Fowler, Herger, Weldon of Florida, Frost, Kind, DeLauro, Dooley, Weller, Pallone, Calvert, Salmon and Lee.

Hearings continue April 28.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1023, Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1997; and H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998.

Joint Meetings

IDEA REGULATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce to examine the Department of Education's development of the regulations necessary to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (P.L. 105-17), after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Martha Feland, Cabot School Board, Cabot, Arkansas; Frank P. Clark, James, Smith, Durkin & Connelly, Hershey, Pennsylvania; Brian A. McNulty, Colorado Department of Education, Denver; and Patricia McGill Smith, National Parent Network on Disabilities, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D370)

S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects. Signed April 21, 1998. (P.L. 105-168)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in the Federal food stamp program, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on infectious diseases, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Transportation's policy regarding unfair exclusionary conduct in the aviation industry and the competitive implications of consolidation among U.S. airlines, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to review the proposed Clean Air Act regional haze regulations, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hear and consider the nominations of Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, and Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the practice of "slamming", which is the unauthorized switching of long-distance telephone companies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

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

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and Environment to examine proposals to increase bone marrow donation and transplantation, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information to continue joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intel-

ligence, to examine chemical and biological weapons threats to America, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue joint hearings with the Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to examine chemical and biological weapons threats to America, 2 p.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E638-39 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on International Organizations and Peacekeeping, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Corporation for National and Community Service and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 10 a.m., and on the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission and the National Council on Disability, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional witnesses, 9 a.m., and 3 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Task Force on Budget Process, hearing on Budgeting for Federal Insurance Programs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Digital High Definition Television: Coming Soon to a Home Theater Near You, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the American Worker Project: Emerging Trends in the High-Tech Workplace, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to mark up pending business, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "The Kyoto Protocol: Is the Clinton-Gore Administration Selling Out Americans?" 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on "Combating Terrorism: The Proliferation of Agencies' Efforts," 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H. Con. Res. 220, regarding American victims of terrorism, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on Japan's Role in the Asian Financial Crisis, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 1690, to amend title 28 of the United States Code regarding enforcement of child custody orders, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 3445, Oceans Act of 1998, 1:30 p.m., and to hold an oversight hearing Arctic Snow Geese: Is the Arctic Ecosystem in Peril? 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 3467, California Spotted Owl Interim Protection Act of 1998; H.R. 1021, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997; and H.R. 3381, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3625, San Rafael Swell Heritage and Conservation Act, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the impact of recent alliances, international agreements, DOT actions, and

pending legislation on air fares, air service, and competition in the airline industry, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the research and treatment of war-related illnesses; and to review the VA's sexual trauma counseling program, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Patient Appeals in Health Care, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on oversight of current tax law related to health insurance, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Future Imagery Architecture, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and Environment to examine proposals to increase bone marrow donation and transplantation, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, April 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1998 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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