

Friday, April 24, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced as follows: S. 1982–1988, S. Con. Res. 91, and S. Res. 216. **Page S3585**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1873, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack. (S. Rept. No. 105–175) **Page S3585**

State Department Reorganization Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements. **Pages S3563–74, S3579**

Senate will vote on the conference report on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 2:25 p.m.

Appointment:

National Summit on Retirement Income Savings: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–92, appointed John David Davenport, of Oklahoma, as a participant in the 1998 National Summit on Retirement Income Savings, to fill the existing vacancy thereon. **Page S3584**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Scott Snyder Fleming, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, on Monday, April 27, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon at 6 p.m. **Page S3599**

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of Garr M. King, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Gregory Moneta Sleet, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, and Cheryl T. Thomas, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, on Monday, April 27, 1998, following the vote to occur on the nomination of Scott Snyder Fleming (listed above). **Page S3599**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 3:23 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, April 27, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3599.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, April 27.

Committee Meetings

HCFA—INSPECTOR GENERAL'S AUDIT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight held a joint hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General's Audit of the Health Care Financing Administration's Fiscal Year 1997 Financial Statements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; Joe Vengrin, Assistant Inspector General and Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

Joint Meetings

ISTEA AUTHORIZATION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, April 28.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 27 through May 2, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider Treaty Doc. 105-36, NATO Enlargement, and the nominations of Scott Snyder Fleming, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, with a vote to occur thereon at 6 p.m., Garr M. King, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Gregory Moneta Sleet, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, and Cheryl T. Thomas, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration (Treaty Doc. 105-36) NATO Enlargement, and vote on the conference report on H.R. 1757, State Department Reorganization at 2:25 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of NATO Enlargement Treaty, and may consider H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act, S. 1873, Missile Defense Act, and any executive and legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 30, to hold hearings to examine agricultural transportation issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 28, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the United States Agency for International Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

April 29, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 30, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Council on Environmental Quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on the Budget: April 28, to hold hearings to examine Japan's economic difficulties and their potential United States impact, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 28, to hold hearings to examine possible problems relating to the Year 2000 computer conversion, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 28, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Commerce's Federal research and development needs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 29, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine satellite reform, focusing on regulation policy and deregulation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of James M. Loy, USC, to be Commandant, and James C. Card, USC, to be Vice Commandant, both of the United States Coast Guard, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

April 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

April 30, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Airport Improvement Program, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 326, to provide for the reclamation of abandoned hardrock mines, S. 327, to ensure that Federal taxpayers receive a fair return for the extraction of locatable minerals on public domain lands, and S. 1102, to provide a reasonable royalty from mineral activities on

Federal lands, to specify reclamation requirements for mineral activities on Federal lands, and to create a State program for the reclamation of abandoned hard rock mining sites on Federal lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 30, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume 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, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on title IV of S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, and S. 624, to establish a competitive process for the awarding of concession contracts in units of the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: April 28, 29 and 30 and May 1, to hold oversight hearings to examine the operation of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 28, to hold hearings on proposed legislation to reform bankruptcy law provisions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S.J. Res. 44, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 2 p.m., SD-226.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for the blackmarket to raise tobacco prices, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

April 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1645, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: April 28, to hold hearings to examine reading and literacy initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation relating to assistive technology, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 30, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to resume hearings to examine the role of the Agency for Health Care Policy Research in health care quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Small Business: April 28, to hold hearings to examine environmental compliance tools for small business, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 29 and 30, closed business meeting, on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

Monday, pro forma.

Tuesday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and at 2:00 p.m. for consideration of 8 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2807—Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act;

2. H. Res. 350—Congratulating the People of Sri Lanka on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Nation's Independence;

3. H. Con. Res. 218—Concerning the Need to Establish a Cease Fire in Afghanistan and Begin the Transition toward a Broad-based Multiethnic Government that Observes International Norms of Behavior;

4. S. Con. Res. 37—Expressing the Sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was Established to Support and Develop Little League Baseball Worldwide and Should be Entitled to all of the Benefits and Privileges Available to Nongovernmental International Organizations;

5. H. Res. 374—Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Regarding the Ongoing Violence in Algeria;

6. H. Con. Res. 222—Congratulating the Former International Support and Verification Commission of the Organization of American States for Successfully Aiding in the Transition of Nicaragua from a War-ridden State into a Newly Formed Democracy;

7. H. Con. Res. 215—Congratulating the People of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana for Holding Multiparty Elections; and

8. H.J. Res. 102—Expressing the Sense of the Congress on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Modern State of Israel.

NOTE: *No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.*

Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business for consideration of: H.R. 3717—To Establish a Prohibition Regarding Illegal Drugs and the Distribution of Hypodermic Needles (Subject to a rule);

H.R. 3546—National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998 (Subject to a rule);

H.R. 6—Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Subject to a rule);

Conference report on H.R. 3579—1998 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations (Subject to a rule);

S. 1502—District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997 (Subject to a rule); and

H.R. 1872—Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997 (Subject to a rule);

Friday, No votes are expected.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and

the National Mediation Board, 10 a.m., and on the National Commission on Libraries and the Armed Forces Retirement Home 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, on the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, on Congressional witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, April 28, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on European Monetary Union, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 29, full committee, hearing on Bank Mergers, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on Consumer Abuses in Home Improvement Financing, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, April 30, hearing on Electronic Commerce: The Marketplace of the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 28, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Understanding Violent Children, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on American Worker Project: Impact of Federal Workplace Agencies, Programs, and Laws on the American Worker, 2 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

April 29 and 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearings on Teamsters Investigation, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn on April 29 and 10 a.m., on April 30, room to be announced.

April 29, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on pending OSHA legislation, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Reforming Bilingual Education, 10 a.m., room to be announced.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, April 28, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on FEHB Program as a Complement to Military Health Care, 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Bureau of Labor Statistics Oversight: Fixing the Consumer Price Index (Part II), 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 30, full committee, hearing on "Venezuelan Money and the Presidential Election", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 29, hearing on U.S. Annual Drug Certification, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 30, hearing on the U.S. Role in the Caucasus and Central Asia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 28, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on health care initiatives pursued under the False Claims Act that impact hospitals, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 3494, Child Protection and Sexual Predator Punishment Act of 1998; and related measures, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, April 29, Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine, to consider recommendations to the committee on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 4 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

April 29, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, to consider recommendations to the Committee on H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, to markup H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Military Readiness, to mark up H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 28, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1865, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1997; H.R. 3186, Rogue River National Forest Interchange Act of 1998; H.R. 3187, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to exempt not-for-profit entities that hold rights-of-way on public lands from certain strict liability requirements imposed in connection with such rights-of-way; and H.R. 3520, to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 28, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, joint hearing on H.R. 2800, Battle of Midway National Memorial Study Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 28, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 3220, to authorize the use of certain land in Merced County, California, for an elementary school, following joint Subcommittee meeting, 1324 Longworth.

April 29, full committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 30, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on West Coast Groundfish Issue, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

April 30, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 1282, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes; H.R. 1943, Carlsbad Irrigation Project Acquired Land Transfer Act; H.R. 2161, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Palmetto Bend Project to the State of Texas; H.R. 2506, Collbran Project Unit Conveyance Act; H.R. 3056, to provide for the preservation and sustainability of the family farm through the transfer of responsibility for operation and maintenance of the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project, Montana; H.R. 3677, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of

the Gila Project, and Designated Lands within or adjacent to the Gila project, to the Welton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District; H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas; H.R. 3706, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act; and H.R. 3715, Pine River Project Conveyance Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, April 28, to consider the following: H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998; H.R. 3717, to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds for the distribution of needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of illegal drugs; and H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998; and H.R. 3546, National Dialogue on Social Security Act of 1998, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

April 29, to consider the following: H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997; and S. 1502, District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, April 28, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on International Standards: Technical Barriers to Free Trade, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue hearings on proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Effect of the Passenger

Services Act on the Domestic Cruise Industry, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 30, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the impact of recent alliances, international agreements, DOT actions, and pending legislation on air fares, air services, and competition in the airline industry, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, April 29, Subcommittee on Benefits, oversight hearing on operations within the National Cemetery System, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 30, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on U.S. Customs Service Issues, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 29, executive, to mark up the Fiscal Year 1999 Intelligence Authorization, 2 p.m., H-405.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: April 28, to hold hearings to examine Chinese access to dual use and military technology, focusing on a GAO report on the effectiveness of Tianemen sanctions restricting technology transfer, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn Building.

Conferees: April 28, on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn Building.

Conferees: April 28, On H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 2 p.m., S-05, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Monday, April 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 Noon), Senate will consider Treaty Doc. 105-36, NATO Enlargement Treaty.

Also, Senate will consider the nominations of Scott Snyder Fleming, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, with a vote to occur thereon at 6 p.m.; following which, Senate will consider the nominations of Garr M. King, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Gregory Moneta Sleet, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, and Cheryl T. Thomas, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, April 27

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business.



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