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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's and Marines' Bill of Rights Act.

Senate agreed to Committee Expenditures Authorization Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1847-S1970

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 448-465, S. Res. 49, and S. Con. Res.13. **Pages S1925-26**

Measures Passed:

Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's and Marines' Bill of Rights Act: By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 26), Senate passed S. 4, to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1847-S1911**

Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 22), Sarbanes/Warner Amendment No. 19, to express the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the compensation of civilian employees of the United States. **Pages S1848-49**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 23), Cleland Amendment No. 6, to permit members of the Ready Reserve to contribute to the Thrift Savings Plan for compensation attributable to their service in the Ready Reserve. **Pages S1848-49**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 21, to provide for the availability of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for preparatory courses for college and graduate school admission exams. **Pages S1850-51**

Warner/Allard Amendment No. 22, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S1851**

Bingaman Amendment No. 24, to state the sense of the Senate regarding the processing of claims for veterans' benefits. **Pages S1856-57**

Landrieu (for Feingold) Amendment No. 25, to amend title 37, United States Code, to ensure equitable treatment of members of the National Guard

and the other reserve components of the United States with regard to eligibility to receive special duty assignment pay. **Pages S1861-62**

Jeffords Amendment No. 12, to authorize payment on an accelerated basis of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve under chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code. **Pages S1862-63**

Jeffords Amendment No. 13, to modify the time in which certain members of the Selected Reserve may use their entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code. **Pages S1862-63**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 27, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected with respect to radiation-exposed veterans. **Pages S1880-83**

Warner (for Coverdell/McCain) Amendment No. 28, to express the sense of the Senate that members of the uniformed services who are on duty outside the United States and privileged to an automatic 2-month extension of the deadline for filing tax returns should not be penalized by the Internal Revenue Service for using such extension. **Pages S1883-84**

Rockefeller Amendment No. 26, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a demonstration project to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with medicare reimbursement for medicare health-care services provided to certain medicare-eligible veterans. (By a unanimous vote of 100 nays (Vote No. 24), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S1868-73, S1891, S1895-96**

Harkin/Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 23, to require the implementation of the Department of Defense special supplemental nutrition program. **Pages S1851-54, S1894-97**

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

By 80 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate sustained a point of order against Graham Amendment No. 29, to provide for an extension of hazardous substance superfund taxes, to modify certain foreign tax credit carryback and carryover periods, and to provide for an extension of oil spill liability taxes, as being in violation of the Constitution, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S1892–94, S1897–98**

Committee Operating Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 49, authorizing expenditures by committee of the Senate for the period March 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999. **Pages S1966–70**

Human Rights in China—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 45, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, and the Senate proceed to its consideration, with a vote to occur thereon, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 1999. **Pages S1864**

Appointments:

U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed Senators Grassley, DeWine, Abraham, and Sessions as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control. **Page S1966**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Governmental Affairs be allowed to continue consideration until March 17, 1999 of the nomination of David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury. **Page S1966**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reports the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Non-Proliferation and National Security, the nomination be sequentially referred to the Committee on Armed Services for a period not to exceed 30 days. **Page S1966**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—26) **Pages S1849, S1896, S1898–99**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1966.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE BUDGET

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on crop insurance reform, Russian food assistance, and certain Y2K issues, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

Y2K NATIONAL SECURITY IMPACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to examine the preparation and readiness for, and the potential impact of, the Year 2000 computer problem on the Department of Defense and the intelligence community, after receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Bennett; John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, and Arthur L. Money, Assistant Secretary for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence, both of the Department of Defense; and John A. Gordon, USAF, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

AUTHORIZATION—DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Strategic Subcommittee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on national missile defense programs and policies, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense; Rear Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, USN, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Theater Combat Systems; Gen. Larry D. Welch, USAF (Ret.), Institute for Defense Analysis, Arlington, Virginia; and John B. Peller, The Boeing Company, Seal Beach, California.

AUTHORIZATION—DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on recruiting and retention policies, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Mark Gebicke, Director, William Beusse, Assistant Director, and Beverly Schladt, Senior Evaluator, all of Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, General Accounting Office; SSG Monica Duncan-Boney, USA; MM2 Jeffery P. McCinney, USN; SSG Robert A. Austin, USAF; SSG Cari A. Baumer, USMC; Frank M. Rush, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. David H. Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel; Maj. Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, USA, Commanding General, US Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command; Maj. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command; and Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service.

FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee continued hearings on proposed legislation to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury, John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency, and Ellen S. Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, all of the Department of the Treasury; Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; Donna A. Tanoue, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Texas Savings and Loan Commissioner James L. Pledger, on behalf of the American Conference of State Savings Supervisors, and Texas Banking Commissioner Catherine A. Ghiglieri, on behalf of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, both of Austin; Kentucky Commissioner of Insurance George Nichols III, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and Thomas E. Geyer, Ohio Division of Securities, Columbus, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on national security and defense budget issues, including defense strategy, operational tempo, procurement budget, readiness, modernization, nuclear forces, ballistic missile defense, waste and inefficiency, operation and support, and Pentagon infrastructure, after receiving testimony from James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense; and Robert B. Zoellick, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Lawrence J. Korb, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

COAST GUARD BUDGET

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Admiral James M. Loy, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for National Park Service programs and operations, focusing on visitor services, maintenance and infrastructure repair, and cultural and natural resource enhancement, after receiving testimony from Robert G. Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

Y2K/NUCLEAR INDUSTRY AND CHEMICAL SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on potential year 2000 computer problem issues relative to the nuclear industry and chemical safety, after receiving testimony from Gerald V. Poje, Board Member, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; William D. Travers, Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and David L. Swanson, Edison Electric Institute, Washington, D.C.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to retirement savings and the current status, availability, and effectiveness of tax-favored savings vehicles, and the proposed Retirement Savings Opportunity Act, to expand the opportunities for Americans to save for their retirement in IRAs, 401(k)s and other retirement saving vehicles, after receiving testimony from Matthew Fink, Investment Company Institute, and Paul J. Yakoboski, Employee Benefit Research Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Peter J. Smail, Fidelity Investments Institutional Retirement Services Company, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans; John J. McCormack, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund, New York, New York; Ray Pool, Oklahoma State Deferred Compensation Plan, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the National Association of Government Deferred Compensation Administrators; G. Joseph Votava, Jr., Rochester, New York, on behalf of the International Association for Financial Planning; and Paula A. Calimafde, Paley, Rothman, Goldstein, Rosenberg & Cooper, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Small Business Council of America and the American Society of Pension Actuaries.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, and to review the principles and practice of U.S. foreign policy around the world, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on anti-Semitism in Russia, focusing on historical background, the Communist Party, Neo-Nazi movement, violence, public opinion, and international dialogue, after receiving testimony from Mark B. Levin, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Washington, D.C.; David A. Harris, American Jewish Committee, New York, New York; and Pinchas Goldschmidt, Moscow Choral Synagogue, Moscow, Russia.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act enacted in 1978 as part of the Watergate reform and due to expire this year, receiving testimony from former Senator Howard Baker; Griffin B. Bell, King and Spalding, Atlanta, Georgia, former U.S. Attor-

ney General; Arthur H. Christy, Christy and Viener, New York, New York, former Special Prosecutor, Hamilton Jordan Investigation; and Joseph E. diGenova, diGenova Toensing, former Independent Counsel, Clinton Passport File Investigation, and Curtis Emery von Kann, JAMS/ENDISPUTE, former Independent Counsel, Eli Segal Investigation, Americorps Chief, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICAL RESEARCH AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues involving balancing the needs of medical research and confidentiality, including the General Accounting Office report Medical Records Privacy, Common Rule, FDA regulations, information technology, and the institutional review board system, after receiving testimony from Gary B. Ellis, Director, Office for Protection from Research Risks, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Brent C. James, Intermountain Health Care Institute for Health Care Delivery Research, Salt Lake City, Utah; Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; and Elizabeth B. Andrews, Glaxo Wellcome, Research Triangle, North Carolina, on behalf of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Indian programs, focusing on health, housing, education, government, and law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michel E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Jacqueline Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing; Thomas L. LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, and Christopher D. Boesen, National American Indian Housing Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Buford Rolin, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado; Janine Pease-Pretty on Top, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, Montana, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; and

Jill E. Shibles, National American Indian Court Judges Association, Mashantucket, Connecticut.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of James M. Simon, Jr., of Alabama, to be Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Administration.

U.S.-MEXICO COUNTER NARCOTICS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded hearings to evaluate the future of U.S.-Mexico counter narcotic relations, reviewing the degree and level of cooperation and dedication from Mexico, focusing on the High Level Contact Group, Border Task Forces, extradition, car-

tels, money laundering, Operation Casablanca, and air and maritime efforts, after receiving testimony from Raymond W. Kelley, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Admiral James M. Loy, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and John Bailey, Georgetown University School for Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 815-847; 1 private bill, H.R. 848; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 33, H. Con. Res. 37, and H. Res. 82, were introduced.

Pages H793-96

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 83, providing for the consideration of H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act (H. Rept. 106-30);

H.R. 221, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products (H. Rept. 106-31); and

H.R. 603, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation incidents (H. Rept. 106-32).

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Wireless Communication and Public Safety Act: The House passed H.R. 438, to promote and enhance public safety through use of 911 as the universal emergency assistance number by a ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 24.

Pages H729-37

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

Page H736

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 76, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

Pages H728-29

Government Waste, Fraud, and Error Reduction Act: The House passed H.R. 436, to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making

improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, and Federal benefit programs by ye and nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 25.

Pages H743-49

Agreed to the Horn amendment in the nature of a substitute, pursuant to the order of the House. Earlier, it was agreed by unanimous consent to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Horn.

Pages H739-43, H749

Earlier the House agreed to H. Res. 43, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

Pages H737-38

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act: The House passed H.R. 409, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public by ye and nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 26.

Pages H749-58

Agreed To:

The Kucinich amendment that requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development to notify grant applicants of a technical deficiency and allow the applicant to submit a correction within 7 days of notice;

Pages H753-55

The Turner amendment that specifies that Federal agency plans shall not be inconsistent with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act;

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The Horn amendment that requires a report from the Office of Management and Budget that contains recommendations for changes in law to improve the

effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs;

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The Turner amendment that clarifies that a common application and reporting system is required by Federal agencies when it is appropriate; and

Pages H755–56

The Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that Federal agencies providing financial assistance for economic development should focus on communities with high poverty and unemployment rates.

Pages H756–57

Earlier the House agreed to H. Res. 75, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

Pages H738–39

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Traficant wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Science. Without objection, the resignation was accepted.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Delahunt wherein he resigned from the Committee on Resources. Without objection, the resignation was accepted.

Pages H771–72

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H723.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H736–37, H749, and H757–58. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREST SERVICE—FOREST HEALTH MAPS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review Forest Service forest health maps. Testimony was heard from Anne Bartuska, Director, Forest Management, Forest Service, USDA; LeRoy N. Kline, Forest Health Specialist, Department of Forestry, State of Oregon; Dave Struble, Director, Insect and Disease Management, Forest Service, Department of Conservation, State of Maine; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on

Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Agriculture: James Lyons, Under Secretary, National Resources and Environment; and Pearlie Reed, Chief, Resources Natural Conservation Service.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Embassy Security and on the Bureau of Prisons. Testimony was heard from Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; and Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an executive hearing on the fiscal year 2000 Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the CIA: George J. Tenet, Director; Joan Avalyn Dempsey, Deputy Director (Community Management); and David W. Carey, Executive Director; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Lt. Gen. James C. King, USA, Director, National Imagery and Mapping Agency; and Lt. Gen. Kenneth Minihan, USAF, Director, National Security Agency.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Hurricane Mitch Supplemental. Testimony was heard from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and Peter F. Romero, Acting Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy and on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy and Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, held a hearing on the Director of NIH, on the National Cancer Institute and on the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NIH, Department of Health and Human Services:

Harold Varmus, M.D., Director; Richard D. Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute; and James F. Battey, Director, National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the IRS, on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and on the U.S. Mint and Financial Management Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, IRS; Thomas A. Ferguson, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Philip N. Diehl, Director, John P. Mitchell, Deputy Director, Andrew Cosgarea, Jr., Associate Director, Circulating Coinage, Terry L. Bowie, Deputy Associate Director for Finance/Deputy Chief Financial Officer, all with the U.S. Mint; and Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, Independent Agencies, held a hearing on the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, on Council on Environmental Quality, and on American Battle Monuments Commission. Testimony was heard from Paul L. Hill, Jr., Chairman and CEO, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; George Frampton, Council on Environmental Quality; and Gen. Fred F. Woerner, U.S. Army (Ret.), Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2000 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

AGING MILITARY EQUIPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on aging military equipment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul J. Hoeper, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research and Development and Acquisition) and Lt. Gen. John G. Coburn, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Lo-

gistics, both with the Department of the Army; H. Lee Buchanan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research Development and Acquisition) and Vice Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), both with the Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition) and Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics, both of the Department with the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Michael J. Williams, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources and Maj. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command, both with Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Lane Pierrot, Senior Analyst (National Security Division), CBO; and public witnesses.

CRITICAL READINESS NEEDS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the adequacy of the fiscal year 2000 budget request to meet critical readiness needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); Lt. Gen. David K. Heebner, USA, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. C. C. Lautenbacher, USN, Deputy Chief of Staff of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments), Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Roger G. DeKok, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. M. J. Williams, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Ernest Moniz, Under Secretary, Department of Energy.

SUPPORTING WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Supporting Welfare Reform: Cracking Down on Deadbeat Parents. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jack Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General; and John Monahan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,

Children and Families, Administration for Children and Families; Nick Young, Director, Child Support Enforcement Division, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Act. Testimony was heard from Deborah A. Lathen, Chief, Cable Services Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

ERISA: WORKERS HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on ERISA: A Quarter Century of Providing Workers Health Insurance. Testimony was heard from Leslie Kramerich, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

TEAMSTERS REPORT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a report on the "Financial, Operating, and Political Affairs of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters".

COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Opening the Mainstream to Complementary and Alternative Medicine. How much Integration is Really Taking Place? Testimony was heard from Douglas Kamerow, M.D., Director, Center for Health Care Technology, Agency for Health Care Policy Research, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas V. Holohan, M.D., Chief Patient Care Services Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John F. Mazzuchi, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Clinical and Program Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NEW YORK—WINNING WAR ON DRUGS AND CRIME

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on "New York Mayor Rudolph Guiliani: Winning the War on Drugs and Crime". Testimony was heard from Rudolph Guiliani, Mayor, New York City.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Met in executive session and approved the following: U.S. Capitol Police Security Enhancement Plan; and the Capitol Perimeter Security Improvement Plan.

HURRICANE MITCH AFTERMATH

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Relief Efforts in Central America in the Aftermath of Hurricane Mitch. Testimony was heard from Mark L. Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Latin America; AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Ambassador John P. Leonard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Central America, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Gen. Charles Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense.

OVERSIGHT—CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS—INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Contract Support Costs within Indian Health Service Budget. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

PEACE CORPS ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for 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.

OVERSIGHT—NOAA BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—NASA POSTURE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on Fiscal Year

2000: NASA Posture. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

SBA'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the SBA's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget request. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, SBA.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT; FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime approved for full Committee action the following: amended, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; and the Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999.

DISASTER MITIGATION AND COST REDUCTION ACT; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 707, Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 1999.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the budget for the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service. Testimony was heard from Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and representatives of veterans organizations.

VA MEDICAL CARE BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on VA Medical Care Budget for Fiscal Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Nick D. Bacon, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Arkansas; and representatives of veterans organizations.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY; YEAR 2000 CONVERSION EFFORTS—IMPLICATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES AND TAXPAYERS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.J. Res. 32, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should

join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen and protect the retirement income security of all Americans through the creation of a fair and modern Social Security Program for the 21st Century.

The Committee also held a hearing on the Year 2000 Conversion Efforts and Implications for Beneficiaries and Taxpayers. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Chairman, President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion; Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; the following officials of the Department of Treasury: Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service; Dennis S. Schindel, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner and Paul Cosgrave, Chief Information Officer, both with the IRS; John W. Magaw, Director; and Patrick Schambach, Assistant Director, Science and Technology, and Chief Information Officer, both with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and S. W. Hall, Jr., Assistant Commissioner, and Chief Information Officer, U.S. Customs Service; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families; and Nancy-Ann DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; the following officials of the GAO: Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division; James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division; and Randolph C. Hite, Associate Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Divisions; and public witnesses.

The Committee also adopted Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

FBI INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AND ACTIVITIES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive an Informal Demonstration: FBI Investigative Techniques and Activities.

Prior to the demonstration, the Committee met in executive session for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, General Government and Civil Service, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on Department of Transportation management issues, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on U.S. policy regarding Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on proposed legislation to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to continue hearings on proposed legislation to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, 4 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending committee business; to be followed by oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine Asian trade barriers to United States soda ash exports, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings on antimicrobial resistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the committee's rules of procedure for the 106th Congress and subcommittee membership, and to markup S. 247, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to review competition and antitrust issues relating to the Telecommunications Act, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider committee business matters, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Fleet Reserve, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Gold Star Wives of America, and the Air Force Sergeants Association, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to approve Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Southern Command, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Human Genome Research Institute, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and on National Library of Medicine, 10 a.m., on National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and on Fogarty International Center, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Neighbor Reinvestment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., on National Credit Union Association, 10:30 a.m., and on the Community Development Financial Institute, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to markup H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2000 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on pay and retirement reform proposals, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on logistics capabilities and/or shortfalls, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on ballistic missile defense programs, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to consider the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on The Market Impact of the Administration's Social Security Proposal, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Examination of the Risk Adjustor, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Putting Performance First: Ed-Flex and Its Role in Improving Student Performance and Reducing Bureaucracy, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability; followed by a markup regarding the Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability Act, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Oversight of the 1999 National Drug Control Strategy, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Vulnerabilities to Waste, Fraud and Abuse: Inspector General and GAO Views on the Departments of Defense, State and Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 International Affairs Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following: the United States-Macau Policy Act of 1999; H. Res. 32, expressing support for, and calling for actions in support for, free, fair, and transparent elections in Indonesia; and H. Con. Res. 28, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, 4 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Brazil's Economic Crisis: Implications for International Trade, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 768, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on recent INS decisions impacting the Agency's ability to control criminal and illegal aliens, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year Budget request of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Office of Surface Mining, the Minerals Management Service and the energy and minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up H.R. 39, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; followed by an oversight hearing on Coastal Zone Management Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to mark up the following: H.R. 15, Otay Wilderness Act of 1999; H.R. 54, to extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council; H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act; H.R. 154, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, tele-

vision productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units; H.R. 449, Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 509, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property; and H.R. 510, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget: Human Space Flight, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Unscrewing the Fastener Quality Act, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and to mark up proposed legislation concerning the SBA's Disaster Loan Program and the SBA's Women's Business Center Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Incentives for Domestic Oil and Gas Production and Status of the Industry, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Steel Trade Issues, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iraqi Developments: An Intelligence Update, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Fleet Reserve, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Gold Star Wives of America, and the Air Force Sergeants Association, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
11 a.m., Thursday, February 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, February 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of S. Res. 45, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, with a vote to occur thereto; following which, there will be a period of morning business with the recognition of four Senators for speeches.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 514, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999 (open rule, 1 hour of debate); and
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