

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed National Missile Defense Act and FAA Authorization Bills.

The House passed H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program.

The House passed H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act.

House Committees ordered reported 15 sundry measures, including the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2787-S2880

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 638-655, S.J. Res. 14, S. Res. 64-68, and S. Con. Res. 18-19.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 243, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system. (S. Rept. No. 106-18)

S. 291, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District. (S. Rept. No. 106-19)

S. 292, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance. (S. Rept. No. 106-20)

S. 356, to authorize 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 Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District. (S. Rept. No. 106-21)

S. 366, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106-22)

S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota. (S. Rept. No. 106-23)

H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey. (S. Rept. No. 106-24)

H.R. 193, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 106-25)

H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

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S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the “Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building”.

S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”.

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Measures Passed:

National Missile Defense Act: By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 51), Senate passed S. 257, entitled “The Cochran-Inouye National Missile Defense Act of 1999”, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S2792–S2820

Withdrawn:

Bingaman Amendment No. 74, to provide for the policy of the United States that a decision to deploy a National Missile Defense system shall be made only after the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the Department of Defense, has determined that the system has demonstrated operational effectiveness.

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Harkin Amendment No. 75, to provide for a comparative study of relevant current and emerging national security threats to the United States.

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Federal Aviation Administration Authorization: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 52), Senate passed S. 643, to authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McCain (for Warner/McCain/Robb) Amendment No. 76, to release \$30,000,000 of the funds available to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for passenger facility fee/airport development projects.

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Federal Aviation Administration Authorization: By unanimous consent, Senate passed H.R. 99, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 643, Senate companion measure, as amended.

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Good Friday Peace Agreement: Senate agreed to S. Res. 64, recognizing the historic significance of

the first anniversary of the Good Friday Peace Agreement.

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 65, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *Dirk S. Dixon, et al. v. Bruce Pearson, et al.*

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, to authorize testimony, documentary production, and representation of employees of the Senate in *United States v. Yah Lin “Charlie” Trie.*

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Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, to authorize representation of Secretary of the Senate in the case of *Bob Schaffer, et al. v. William Jefferson Clinton, et al.*

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on the following amendment:

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Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 77, to permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive recoupment of Federal government medicaid claims to tobacco-related State settlements if a State uses a portion of those funds for programs to reduce the use of tobacco products, to improve the public health, and to assist in the economic diversification of tobacco farming communities.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the bill, the pending Specter Amendment No. 77, and an amendment relative to Kosovo to be proposed to the bill, on Thursday, March 18, 1999, with a vote to occur on or in relation to the Specter Amendment No. 77 at 11 a.m.

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Nomination Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Governmental Affairs to continue consideration of David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury through Tuesday, April 6, 1999, and if not reported, the Committee on Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration, and the nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

T. J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—52)	Pages S2820, S2824

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 18, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2880.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CROP INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs, after receiving testimony from Ken Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture; Phil Cyre, Hazel, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, and Roger Swartz, Crop Insurance Research Bureau, both of Park Ridge, Illinois; Kyle Phillips, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Knoxville; Allen Helms, American Cotton Producers, Clarkedale, Arkansas, on behalf of the National Cotton Council; Marc Curtis, American Soybean Association, Leland, Mississippi; Mike Miller, American Association of Crop Insurers, Topeka, Kansas; and Ken Rulon, Cicero, Indiana.

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Air Force programs, focusing on airmen, infrastructure, and modernization, after receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary, and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Chief of Staff, both of the Air Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Janet S. Zagorin, American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to examine the efforts to reform and streamline the Department of Defense's acquisition process, after receiving testimony from Paul J. Hoepfer, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology; H. Lee Buchanan, III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Management; and Lt. Gen. Henry T. Glisson, USA, Director, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from H. Lee Buchanan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Management; Philip E. Coyle, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Louis J. Rodrigues, Director, Defense Acquisitions, Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

2000 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, with amendments;

S. 148, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds;

S. 574, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System;

S. 67, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C., as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building";

S. 272 and H.R. 396, bills to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building";

S. 392, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at West 920 Riverside Avenue in Spokane, Washington, as the "Thomas S. Foley Federal Building and United States Courthouse", and the plaza at the south entrance of that building and courthouse as the "Walter F. Horan Plaza";

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H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building"; and

The nominations of Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Anne

Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held hearings to examine the loss of open space and environmental quality, focusing on sprawl and development, and related proposals, receiving testimony from Mayor Paul Helmke, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; Terry Kauffman, Board of Commissioners, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Richard Moe, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Kathryn Hohmann, Sierra Club, and Gary Garczynski, National Association of Home Builders, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nelson C. Rising, Catellus Development Corporation, on behalf of the National Realty Committee, and Steven Hayward, Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy, both of San Francisco, California.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain Medicare provisions in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 relating to provider payment policies and the Medicare+Choice program, after receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; and Gail R. Wilensky, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Washington, D.C.

U.S.-IRAQ POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations/Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded joint hearings to examine the impact of the United Nations' proposals to expand Iraqi oil for food on United States policy toward Iraq, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; and Thomas R. Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

NUCLEAR SAFETY TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Convention on Nuclear Safety, done at Vienna on September 20, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-6), after receiving testimony from Robert J. Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation; Gary Jones, Associate Director for

Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Marvin Fertel, Nuclear Infrastructure, Support, and International Programs, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom after the nominee testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice; Charles G. La Bella, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California, San Diego, former Supervising Attorney, Campaign Financing Task Force; John Q. Barrett, St. John's University School of Law, New York, New York, former Associate Independent Counsel, Iran-Contra Investigation; and Philip B. Heymann, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, former Associate Watergate Special Prosecutor.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee began markup on S. 326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 400, to provide technical corrections to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and to improve the delivery of housing assistance to Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, after receiving testimony from Jacqueline Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs; and Chester Carl, Window Rock, Arizona, and John Williamson, Port Angeles, Washington, both on behalf of the National American Indian Housing Council.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials from the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 1141-1174; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56-59, and H. Res. 119 and 121 were introduced. Pages H1405-07

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106-64);

H.R. 15, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness (H. Rept. 106-65);

H.R. 449, to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical park (H. Rept. 106-66);

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, amended (private bill, H. Rept. 106-67);

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 (private bill, H. Rept. 106-68); and

H. Res. 120, providing for consideration of H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense (H. Rept. 106-69). Page H1405

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 119, electing Representative Schakowsky to the Committee on Government Reform. Page H1337

Meeting Hour—March 18: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on March 18. Page H1341

Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Gilman, LaTourette, and Cannon to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Page H1349

Steel Import Reduction and Import Monitoring Program: The House passed H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and

to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program by a ye and nay vote of 289 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 56. **Pages H1342–49, H1349–70, H1382**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 114, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. **Page H1349**

Coast Guard Authorization Act: The House passed H.R. 820, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard by a recorded vote of 424 yeas to 7 noes, Roll No. 55. **Pages H1341–42, H1370–82**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule as amended. **Page H1381**

Agreed To:

The Gilchrest amendment that makes technical changes and expresses the sense of the Congress that the President should expeditiously issue guidelines regarding oil spill response actions to clarify that a person who is not responsible for the spill, yet takes action to prevent or mitigate the effects of it, shall not be held liable for violation of fish and wildlife laws; **Pages H1377–78**

The Pickett amendment that allows the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for the vessel NORFOLK before January 1, 2001, if before that date the vessel undergoes a major conversion in a shipyard located in the United States and the cost of the conversion is more than three times the amount the owner paid to purchase the vessel; **Page H1378**

The Upton amendment that requires the Coast Guard to continue to offer assistance to organizations dedicated to Great Lakes lighthouse stewardship and to release information concerning the timing of designations of Great Lakes lighthouses as surplus property (adopted by a recorded vote of 428 yeas with none voting “no,” Roll No. 53); and **Pages H1379–80**

The LoBiondo amendment that authorizes the acquisition of 7 PC-170 coastal patrol craft for drug interdiction and provides for the improvement of shore facilities for drug interdiction operations (adopted by a recorded vote of 424 yeas to 4 noes, Roll No. 54). **Pages H1378–79, H1381**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 113, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. **Page H1342**

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1408.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages

H1380, H1381, and H1382. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Jill Long-Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the FBI and on U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Louis Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice, and Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 Army Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Louis Caldera, Secretary; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on fiscal year 2000 Army Acquisition Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Paul J. Hooper, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology); Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology); and Lt. Gen. William H. Campbell, USA, Director, Information Systems, Command, Control, Communications, and Computers.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held a hearing on Secretary of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on GAO and National Park Service Housing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Robert G. Stanton, Director, National Park Service and Donald Barry, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and

Parks; and Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Economic Development Division, GAO.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on OSHA, and on Employment And Training Administration/Veterans Employment and Inspectors General Panel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; Raymond L. Bramucci, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training; and Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Construction. Testimony was heard from Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Installations and Environment), Department of Defense.

TREASURY—POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on GSA and Judicial Conference of the United States. Testimony was heard from David H. Barram, Administrator, GSA; and the following officials of the Committee on Security and Facilities of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Norman H. Stahl, Judge, U.S. Circuit Court, First Circuit, Chairman; and Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Circuit Court, Third Circuit, member.

BALKANS-U.S. POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on U.S. policy in the Balkans. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Walter Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy; and Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

REPORT—CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON MILITARY TRAINING AND GENDER- RELATED ISSUES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the report of the Congressional Commission on Military Training and Gender-Related Issues as required by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Congressional Commission on Military Training and

Gender-Related Issues: Anita K. Blair, Chair; Frederick F. Y. Pang, Vice Chairman, Nancy Cantor, Lt. Gen. George R. Christmas, USMC (Ret.), Command Sgt. Major Robert A. Dare, Jr., USA (Ret.), Lt. Gen. Williams M. Keys, USMC (Ret.), Thomas Moore, Barbara S. Pope and Mady Segal, all Commissioners.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from David F. Lacy, Chairman and CEO, Armed Forces Retirement Home Board; and Most Reverend William E. Lori, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Archdiocese of Washington.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget resolution.

OVERSIGHT—FCC AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on reauthorization of the FCC. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: William E. Kennard, Chairman; Susan Ness, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Michael K. Powell and Gloria Tristani, all Commissioners; and a public witness.

IMPACT AID

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Impact Aid: Keeping the Federal Promise. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPEDIMENTS TO UNION DEMOCRACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Impediments to Union Democracy: Public and Private Sector Workers Under the Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Terry, Pomerooy and Edwards; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 208, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; H.R. 683, Decennial Census Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 1058, Census in the Schools Promotion Act; H.R. 1010, amended, to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing

the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion and outreach; H.R. 472, Local Census Quality Check Act; H.R. 928, 2000 Census Mail Outreach Improvement Act; H.R. 929, 2000 Census Language Barrier Removal Act; and H.R. 1009, amended, 2000 Census Community Participation Enhancement Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H.R. 1143, Microenterprise for Self Reliance Act.

The Committee also favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 59, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); H. Res. 99, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the human rights situation in Cuba; H. Con. Res. 35, amended, congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999; H. Res. 110, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999; H. Con. Res. 56, Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act; and H. Con. Res. 37, amended, concerning anti-Semitic statements made by members of the Duma of the Russian Federation.

TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT— COMMEMORATING TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT—20TH ANNIVERSARY; CENTRAL ASIA REPUBLICS-U.S. POLICY CHALLENGES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full action H. Con. Res. 56, Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Policy Challenges in the Central Asian Republics. Testimony was heard from Steven R. Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large, Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary for the Newly Independent States, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law continued hearings on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from William Brown, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Western District of Tennessee; Randall J. Newsome, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of California; Richard Stana, Associate Di-

rector, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 39, amended, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 992, amended, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1019, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey lands and interests comprising the Carlsbad Irrigation Project to the Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 841, amended, Welton-Mohawk Transfer Act; and H.R. 862, Clear Creek Distribution System Conveyance Act.

NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule further provides that it will be in order, upon receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting H.R. 4 with Senate amendments, to consider in the House a motion offered by the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee or his designee that the House disagree to the Senate amendments and request or agree to a conference with the Senate. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Skelton, Allen, and Toomey.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Science: Held an oversight hearing on Why and How you should learn Math and Science? Testimony was heard from Vera Rubin, member, National Science Board, NSF; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on Oversight of the Office of Motor Carriers. Testimony was heard from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and Phyllis F. Scheinberg, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO.

BUDGET: SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Signals Intelligence. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

JOINT MEETINGS

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans Affairs concluded joint hearings to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Andrew A. Kistler, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 18, 1999**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Civilian Radioactive Waste and Environmental Management programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on energy conservation, fossil energy research and development, and other related programs, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to resume hearings on loss of open space and environmental quality, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine issues of the federal recovery of a portion of the tobacco settlement funds attributable to Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on the count-down to elections in Indonesia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business Meeting to continue markup S.326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the USDA's implementation of disaster assistance and the operation of other programs, 8:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administra-

tion, and Related Agencies, on Departmental Administration/Chief Financial Officer/Chief Information Officer, 11:15 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on International Organizations and Peacekeeping, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Military Readiness, 2:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, executive, on Atomic Energy Defense Activities, 11 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Service Department of Energy-Fossil Energy, 11 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Service, and Education, on Gallaudet University, 11 a.m., and on Institute of Museum and Library Services and Railroad Retirement Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Secretary of Transportation, 11 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Secretary of the Treasury, 11 a.m., and on Customs Integrity, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on recruiting issues, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on the shipment of household goods, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Evolving Federal and State Roles, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act: Preventing Juvenile Crime at School and in the Community, 11:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Long Term Care Insurance for Federal Employees, 9 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Overview of Agency Efforts to Prevent and Treat Drug Abuse, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Oversight of Financial Management Practices at the Department of Justice and the Federal Aviation Administration, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on Views of Veterans Service Organizations, 8:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 354, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act, 11 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999; and to hold an oversight hearing on illegal immigration, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 883, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the Coastal Zone Management Reauthorization; followed by an oversight hearing on the fiscal year 2000 budget request of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service, 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of Route 66 Corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; H.R. 658, Thomas Cole National Historic Site Act; and H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000

Budget Authorization Request: Environmental Protection Agency Research and Development, 11:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the following bills: H.R. 700, Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 1999, H.R. 780, Passenger Entitlement and Competition Enhancement Act of 1999, and H.R. 908, Aviation Consumer Right to Know Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to mark up H.R. 70, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare+Choice Program, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Tax Treatment of Structured Settlements, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Imagery Intelligence, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold joint hearings to review United States policy and strategy for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in preparation for the OSCE Summit Meeting scheduled to convene in Istanbul this year, 10:30 a.m., SR-485.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Thursday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 544, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, with a vote to occur on or in relation to Specter Amendment No. 77.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Secret National Security Briefing on the House Floor at 9:30 a.m. with Former Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld and Members of the Bipartisan Commission on Ballistic Missile Threats; and Consideration of H.R. 4, United States Missile Defense Policy (closed rule, 2 hours of general debate).

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