

Wednesday, June 9, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1189–1198, S. Res. 113–114, and S. Con. Res. 38. **Pages S6790–91**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–70)

S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the state of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 106–71)

S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–72)

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Y2K Act: Senate began consideration of S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6733–81**

Adopted:

Allard Amendment No. 609 (to Amendment No. 608), to provide that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the applicability of any State law that provides greater limits on damages and liabilities than are provided in this Act. **Pages S6744–45**

Rejected:

Kerry Amendment No. 610 (to Amendment No. 608), in the nature of a substitute. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6750–76**

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 160), Leahy Amendment No. 611, to exclude consumers from

the Act's restrictions on seeking redress for the harm caused by Y2K computer failures. **Pages S6776–81**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 608, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6733–81**

Bennett (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 612, to require manufacturers receiving notice of a Y2K failure to give priority to notices that involve health and safety related failures. **Page S6768**

Pursuant to the order of June 8, 1999, the following pending amendments and motions were withdrawn:

McCain Amendment 267, in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 268 (to Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 268), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 270 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 270), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with instructions and report back forthwith.

Lott Amendment No. 294 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 294), in the nature of a substitute.

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, June 10, 1999.

Appointment:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96–114, as amended, the appointment of George Gould of Virginia to the Congressional Award Board. **Page S6813**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John E. Lange, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

Delano Eugene Lewis, Sr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Routine list in the Navy. **Pages S6813–14**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6802–10**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S6810–11**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6811–12**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—160) **Pages S6776, S6780–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6813.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Linda W. Cropp, Council of the District of Columbia, and Darius Mans, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year 2000.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Army, and Lieutenant General James L. Jones,

Jr., USMC, to be general and for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 187, to give customers notice and choice about how their financial institutions share or sell their personally identifiable sensitive financial information, and other financial privacy issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Leahy; and Representatives Inslee, Markey, and Paul.

AUTO INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 837, to enable drivers to choose a more affordable form of auto insurance that also provides for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, after receiving testimony from Senators Lieberman, McConnell, and Moynihan; Representative Stupak; former Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis, Boston; Ralph Nader, Center for Responsive Law, Washington, D.C.; Fletcher Dal Handley, Jr., Fogg, Fogg and Handley, El Reno, Oklahoma, on behalf of the American Bar Association; Jeffrey O'Connell, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville; New York State Senator Neil Breslin, Albany, on behalf of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators; Gerald T. Noce, Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, St. Louis, on behalf of the Defense Research Institute, Inc.; Peter Kinzler, Coalition for Auto-Insurance Reform, Alexandria, Virginia; and Robert L. Maril, Oklahoma State University Department of Sociology, Stillwater.

SNAKE RIVER DAMS/NORTHWEST POWER PLANNING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held oversight hearings on the process to determine the future of the four lower Snake River dams and conduct oversight on the Northwest Power Planning Council's Framework Process, receiving testimony from Stephen J. Wright, Senior Vice President, Corporate, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; Donna Darm, Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; David W. Welch, High Seas Salmon Research, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada; Donald Sampson, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Roy Sampsel, Columbia River Basin Multi-Species Framework Project, John Saven, Northwest Irrigation Utilities, C. Clarke Leone, Public Power Council, all of Portland, Oregon; Glen Spain, Pacific

Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Eugene, Oregon; and Don Swartz, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, Oregon City, Oregon.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure resumed hearings on the project delivery and streamlining provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, receiving testimony from George T. Frampton, Jr., Acting Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; and Eugene A. Conti, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine risk adjustment methodology, and enrollment, payment, and other implementation issues relating to Medicare+Choice, receiving testimony from Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Steven M. Lieberman, Executive Associate Director, Congressional Budget Office; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Peter Smith, Ralin Medical, Inc., Buffalo Grove, Illinois; Robert B. Cumming, Milliman and Robertson, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, on behalf of the American Academy of Actuaries; and Stephen J. deMontmollin, AvMed Health Plan, Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Donald K. Bandler, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, M. Michael Einik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Donald W. Keyser, of Virginia, for Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts, Joseph Limprecht, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States to the European Union with the rank and status of Ambassador, Larry C. Napper, of Texas, for Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator

of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program, and Donald Lee Pressley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Bandler was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, Mr. Limprecht was introduced by Senator Hagel, and Mr. Miller was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Biden.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Oliver P. Garza, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Frank Almaguer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, John R. Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Prudence Bushnell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings in closed session on the national security methods and processes relating to the Wen-Ho Lee espionage investigation, after receiving testimony from officials from the intelligence and national security community.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 918, to authorize the Small Business Administration to provide financial and business development assistance to military reservists' small business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTERNET GAMBLING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on issues involving Indian gaming and related provisions of S. 692, to prohibit Internet gambling, after receiving testimony from Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Montie R. Deer, National Indian Gaming Commission, and Richard Hill, National Indian Gaming Commission, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard Williams, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Watersmeet, Michigan; Ernest L. Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe, Plummer, Idaho; and Frank Miller, Washington State Gaming Commission, Seattle.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REORGANIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to the Department of En-

ergy reorganization, focusing on improvements in security and management of the nuclear weapons complex, after receiving testimony from Senators Domenici, Kyl and Murkowski; and Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 2083–2118; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58, H. Con. Res. 129, and H. Res. 204, were introduced. **Pages H4022–23**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 576, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed (H. Rept. 106–176);

H.R. 1225, to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office (H. Rept. 106–177);

H.R. 322, private bill for the relief of Suchada Kwong, amended (H. Rept. 106–178);

H.R. 660, private bill for the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity (H. Rept. 106–179);

H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–180); and

Supplemental report on H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 106–167 Part 2). **Pages H4021–22**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Samuel Thomas, Jr. of Sacramento, California. **Page H3867**

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 8 by a yeas and nays vote of 355 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 178. **Pages H3867, H3872**

Committee Election: Agree to H. Res. 204, electing Representative Holt to the Committee on Resources, Representatives Baird, Hoeffel, and Moore to the Committee on Science, and Representatives Hill of Indiana and Udall of New Mexico to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H3872**

Defense Authorization Act: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 1401, to authorize for fiscal years 2000 and

2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Consideration will continue on June 10. **Pages H3883–H3997**

Agreed to:

The Cox amendment that implements several recommendations from the Select Committee on National Security and Military Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China to require reports on compliance with the missile technology regime, implementation of the satellite export-control authority and satellite export licensing authority, national security implications of exporting high performance computers; requires a technology transfer control plan for satellite export licenses; specifies that DOD space launch monitors provide 24-hour, 7-day per week coverage; establishes a DOD Office of Technology Security, a five-agency inspectors general counterintelligence review; a Department of Energy Counterintelligence Security Program and other related activities at all Department of Energy facilities; and places a moratorium on foreign visitors at National laboratories pending a background review (agreed to by a recorded vote of 428 yeas with none voting "no". Roll No. 180); **Pages H3951–64**

The Costello amendment that makes DOE contractors who manage and operate nuclear labs subject to civil penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation of any DOE rule, regulation, or order relating to the security of classified or sensitive information; **Pages H3964–66**

The Hunter amendment that requires the Secretary of Energy to establish a counterintelligence polygraph program for employees who have access to high-risk programs or information; **Pages H3966–67**

The Roemer amendment that requires an annual report from the Secretary of Energy regarding counterintelligence and security practices at national laboratories; **Pages H3967–68**

The Sweeney amendment that requires the Inspectors General of DOD and DOE, in consultation with the FBI and CIA, to conduct an annual audit of policies related to the export of technologies and transfer of scientific information to China; **Pages H3968–69**

The Gilman amendment that requires the Secretary of State to ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the Office of Defense Trade Controls for the purpose of reviewing and processing export license applications in a thorough and timely manner;

Pages H3975–76

The Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that establishes the Technology Security Division within the Defense Threat Reduction Agency as a separate DOD agency;

Pages H3976–77

The Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that requires DOD to provide an annual report to Congress assessing the cumulative impact of individual export licenses by the U.S. to countries of concern;

Pages H3977–79

The DeLay amendment that prohibits military-to-military exchanges that involve the training of the People's Liberation Army of China by U.S. armed forces (agreed to by a recorded vote of 284 ayes to 143 noes, Roll No. 182); and

Pages H3980–87, H3995

The Goss amendment that prohibits DOD funding to maintain a permanent U.S. military presence in Haiti beyond December 31, 1999 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 183).

Pages H3987–90, H3995–96

Rejected:

The Ryun of Kansas amendment that sought to place a two year moratorium on foreign visitors from sensitive countries to our national labs; require a certification that the new counterintelligence program is running effectively before the moratorium is lifted; and provide waiver authority for those essential to national security (rejected by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 181); and

Pages H3969–75, H3979–80

The Meek of Florida amendment that sought to allow privately funded abortions at overseas DOD facilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 184).

Pages H3990–95, H3996–97

H. Res. 200, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a ye and nay vote of 354 yeas to 75 nays, Roll No. 179. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 195 was laid on the table.

Pages H3872–83

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3867.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3872, H3882–83, H3963–64, H3979–80, H3995, H3996, and H3996–97. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS—EFFECT ON U.S. AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review economic sanctions and the effect on U.S. agriculture. Testimony was heard from Representative Nethercutt; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economics, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. Testimony was heard from Andy Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Donald Upson, Secretary of Technology, State of Virginia; Daniel J. Greenwood, Deputy General Counsel, Information Technology Division, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Academic Accountability. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Governor, State of Wisconsin; Frank Brogan, Lt. Governor, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the Bureau's Policy to Count Prisoners, Military Personnel, and Americans Residing Overseas. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gilman and Green of Wisconsin; Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Geographical Information Systems Policies and Programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Jim Geringer, Governor, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

HEPATITIS C INFECTION—VETERANS AT RISK

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International

Relations held a hearing on Outreach to Veterans at Risk for Hepatitis C Infection. Testimony was heard from Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

ASSISTING RUSSIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Assisting Russia: What Have We Achieved After Seven Years? Testimony was heard from Bill Taylor, Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to the Newly Independent States, Department of State; George Ingram, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and the Newly Independent States, AID, U.S. International Development and Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING—INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION AND THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Evaluating the International Trade Administration and the Trade and Development Agency. Testimony was heard from David Aaron, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; Nancy Frame, Deputy Director, Trade and Development Agency; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SUBPOENAS

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1524, Public Forests Emergency Act of 1999; H.R. 592, amended, World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills; H.R. 791, amended, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999; H.R. 1167, amended, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments of 1999; H.R. 1243, amended, National Marine Sanctuaries Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 1431, amended, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1533, Wyandotte Tribe Settlement Act; H.R. 1651, Fishermen's Protective Act Amendments of 1999; H.R. 1652, amended, Yukon River Salmon Act of 1999; and H.R. 1653, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation.

The Committee also approved a motion to authorize and issue subpoenas regarding federal employees.

U.S. ANTARCTIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the U.S. Antarctic Research Program. Testimony was heard from Karl A. Erb, Director, Office of Polar Programs, NSF; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX RELIEF ACT REVIEW

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Fair and Simple Tax Relief for Small Business, reviewing the Small Employer Tax Relief Act of 1999 (SETRA). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS—PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on preservation and promotion of General Aviation Airports. Testimony was heard from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; David F. Traynham, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and International Aviation, FAA, Department of Transportation; William Gehman, Deputy Director, Aeronautics, Department of Transportation, State of Michigan; William D. Miller, II, Director, Aeronautics and Space Commission, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

PREPAREDNESS AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Preparedness Against Terrorist Attacks. Testimony was heard from Mark Gebicke, Director, National Security and Preparedness Issues, GAO; Catherine H. Light, Director, Office of National Security Affairs, FEMA; Charles L. Cragin, Acting Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense; Barbara Y. Martinez, Deputy Director, National Domestic Preparedness Office, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action amended the Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on proposals to strengthen Social Security. Testimony was heard from Senators Gramm, Moynihan, Grassley, Breaux, Kerrey and Gregg; Representatives Stark, Stenholm, Kolbe, DeFazio, Nadler, Smith of Michigan and Sanford.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

ENCRYPTION LEGISLATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Encryption legislation. Testimony was heard

from Representative Goodlatte; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 617)

H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the "Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed June 7, 1999. (P.L. 106-33)

H.R. 1183, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements. Signed June 8, 1999. (P.L. 106-34)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 3 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on export control issues in the Cox Report, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 798, to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings on the report of the National Recreation Lakes Study Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the impact of the Balanced Budget Act provisions on the Medicare Fee-for-Service program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United States policy towards Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on dual-use and munitions list export control processes and implementation at the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the new Medicare In-

terim Payment System on certain home health agencies, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on serving special populations, 10 a.m., SD-628.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to markup S. 467, to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act; S. 606, for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation); S. 692, to prohibit Internet gambling; S. Res. 98, designating the week beginning October 17, 1999, and the week beginning October 15, 2000, as "National Character Counts Week"; S.J. Res. 21, to designate September 29, 1999, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day"; S. Res. 81, designating the year of 1999 as "The Year of Safe Drinking Water" and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act; and S. Res. 34, designating the week beginning April 30, 1999, as "National Youth Fitness Week", 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on the competitive implications of the proposed Goodrich/Coltec merger, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings to examine Y2K compliance issues within the health care industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on Russia Economic Turmoil, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing on Key Issues in the Authorization of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on the Role of Early Detection and Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Women's Cancers, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 17, Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1999; H.R. 1175, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action; H. Res. 62, expressing concern over the escalating violence, the gross violations of human rights, and the ongoing attempts to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone; and H. Con. Res. 75, condemning the National Islamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on illegal immigration issues, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 529, to require the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to approve a permit required for importation of certain wildlife items taken in Tajikistan; and H.R. 1934, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to establish the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley Heritage Area Act of 1999; and H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, and the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education-Finding, Training and Keeping Good Teacher, 1:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Barriers to Commercial Space Launch, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Association Health Plans: Giving Small Businesses the Benefits They Need, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up H.R. 1300, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 605, Court of Appeals For Veterans Claims Act of 1999; H.R. 690, to amend title 38, United States Code, to add bronchioloalveolar carcinoma to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for certain radiation-exposed veterans; H.R. 708, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for reinstatement of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for remarried surviving spouses of veterans upon termination of their remarriage; H.R. 784, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouses of certain former prisoners of war dying with a service-connected disability rated totally disabling at the time of death; H.R. 1214, Veterans' Claims Adjudication Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1765, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on proposals to strengthen Social Security, 10 a.m., and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 984, Caribbean and Central America Relief and Economic Stabilization Act; and H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on pending Intelligence issues, 12 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 96, Y2K Act. Also, Senate may consider S. 886, Department of State Authorization, and any cleared appropriation bills.

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Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 1401, Defense Authorization Act.

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