

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nominations of Marsha Berzon and Richard Paez, of California, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

House committee ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000.

The House passed H.R. 3081, Small Business Tax Fairness Act.

The House agreed to the conference report on S. 376, Open-market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications (ORBIT) Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1335–S1439

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2225–2247, S. Res. 267–273, and S. Con. Res. 93–95.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2042, to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–231)

S. 397, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–232)

S. 503, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the “Spanish Peaks Wilderness”, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–233)

S. 1694, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–234)

S. 1167, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific

Review Panel, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–235)

H.R. 150, to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–236)

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H.R. 834, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–237)

H.R. 1231, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery. (S. Rept. No. 106–238)

H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–239)

H.R. 2368, to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. (S. Rept. No. 106–240)

H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange. (S. Rept. No. 106–241)

H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah. (S. Rept. No. 106–242)

S. Res. 87, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program.

S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning March 12, 2000 as “National Safe Place Week”.

S. Res. 263, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (“OPEC”) cartel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries, before the meeting of the OPEC nations in March 2000, the position of the United States in favor of increasing world crude oil supplies so as to achieve stable crude oil prices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 267, An original executive resolution directing the return of certain treaties to the President.

S. Res. 270, designating the week beginning March 11, 2000, as “National Girl Scout Week”.

S. 1796, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments.

S.J. Res. 39, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war.

S. Con. Res. 87, commending the Holy See for making significant contributions to international peace and human rights, and objecting to efforts to expel the Holy See from the United Nations by removing the Holy See’s Permanent Observer status in the United Nations. **Pages S1390–91**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 94, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page S1371**

National Greek Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 251, designating March 25, 2000, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Page S1430**

National Girl Scout Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 273, designating the week beginning March 11, 2000, as “National Girl Scout Week”. **Pages S1430–31**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1653, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act. **Pages S1431–34**

National Safe Place Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning March 12, 2000 as “National Safe Place Week”. **Page S1434**

Recognizing Tibetan People’s Plight: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 60, recognizing the plight of the Tibetan people on the forty-first anniversary of Tibet’s 1959 Lhasa uprising and calling for serious negotiations between China and the Dalai Lama to achieve a peaceful solution to the situation in Tibet, and the resolution was agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1434–36**

Grams (for Mack/Feinstein) Amendment No. 2884, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1436**

Halabja Massacre 12th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 95, commemorating the twelfth anniversary of the Halabja massacre. **Pages S1436–37**

Korean War’s 50th Anniversary: Senate passed S.J. Res. 39, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war. **Page S1437**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

National Girl Scout Week: S. Res. 270, designating the week beginning March 11, 2000, as “National Girl Scout Week”. **Page S1431**

Social Security Earnings Test Elimination: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age, on Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at 2:15 p.m., with certain amendments to be proposed, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S1429–30**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, March 15, 2000, from 12 Noon until 2 p.m. **Page S1436**

Executive Session: During today’s executive session, the Senate also took the following action:

By 31 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. EX. 39), Senate rejected the motion to postpone indefinitely the

nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled the “Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the President on Federal Advisory Committees”; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–92) **Page S1389**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 64 yeas 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1336–68, S1439**

By 59 yeas 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 40), Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S1336–68, S1439**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration. (New Position)

S. David Fineman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Mary A. McLaughlin, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1437–39**

Messages From the President: **Page S1389**

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Measures Referred: **Pages S1389–90**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S1428–29**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1385–89**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—40) **Page S1368**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 94, at 6:22 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 20, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1437.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with Medicare reform, focusing on the Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General’s report on Medicare Payment errors and waste, fraud and abuse reduction, after receiving testimony from Nancy-Ann M. DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, and June G. Brown, Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, General Accounting Office.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held oversight hearings to examine major management issues facing the Department of Transportation, focusing on Amtrak and rail infrastructure improvement, receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Peter J. Basso, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Transportation; and Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the Amtrak Reform Board.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the atomic energy defense activities of the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Patrick T.

Henry, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Carolyn H. Becraft, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment; Lt. Gen. David H. Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; MCPO Joseph Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Joyce Raezer, National Military Family Association, and Col. Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Retired Officers Association, all on behalf of the Military Coalition, Alexandria, Virginia; and Larry D. Rhea, Non Commissioned Officers Association, and Marshall A. Hanson, Naval Reserve Association, both on behalf of the National Military and Veterans Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the final report of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission, focusing on how should the international financial institutions be restructured to meet current and prospective economic and financial conditions, after receiving testimony from Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Harvard University Center for International Development, Cambridge, Massachusetts, C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., and Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, New York, all on behalf of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission.

2001 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to receive a preliminary report on an analysis of the President's budgetary proposals for fiscal year 2001 from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, focusing on the regulatory process in the nuclear industry, enforcement and safety concerns, and possible reforms for more effective oversight, after receiving testimony from Senator Sessions; Richard A.

Meserve, Chairman, who was accompanied by Nils Diaz, Jeffrey S. Merrifield, Edward McGaffigan, and Greta Joy Dicus, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Ralph Beedle, Nuclear Energy Institute, and David E. Adelman, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and William E. Kennedy, Jr., Health Physics Society, Benton City, Washington, on behalf of the American National Standards Institute.

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine the penalty and interest provisions in the Internal Revenue Code, and certain recommendations to simplify penalty administration and reduce taxpayer burden, receiving testimony from Judith Akin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Association of Enrolled Agents; David A. Lifson, on behalf of the Tax Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and Robert H. Scarborough, on behalf of the Tax Section of the New York State Bar Association, both of New York, New York; Paul J. Sax, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Section of Taxation of the American Bar Association; Charles W. Shewbridge, III, BellSouth Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Tax Executives Institute, Inc.; Mark A. Ernst, H&R Block, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; and Nina E. Olson, Community Tax Law Project, Richmond, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings on issues relating to NATO's Defense Capabilities Initiative and the European Union's European Security and Defense Program issues, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; and Jeffrey Gedmin, American Enterprise Institute, on behalf of the New Atlantic Initiative, and F. Stephen Larrabee and Robert E. Hunter, both of RAND Corporation, all of Washington, D.C.

MANAGING HUMAN CAPITAL

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on management of human capital, focusing on how to improve the federal government's approach

to managing its people, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Janice R. Lachance, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens, with amendments;

S. 1796, to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgments;

S.J. Res. 39, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war; and

S. Res. 258, designating the week beginning March 12, 2000 as "National Safe Place Week".

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965,

with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Joan R. Challinor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Juanita Sims Doty, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Jerome F. Keever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, Leslie Lenkowsky, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board, and certain Public Health Service Corps lists.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3871–3902; 1 private bill, H.R. 3903; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 272–275 and H. Res. 437, were introduced. **Pages H920–21**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H759**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 8 by a recorded vote of 369 ayes to 45 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 35. **Pages H759, H764–65**

Ivanpah Valley, Nevada Airport: The House passed H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 37. **Pages H765–73**

Agreed to the Hansen amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–515 that clarifies land conveyance and reversionary language and includes the Secretary of the Interior with the Secretary of Transportation as a joint lead agency for environmental review by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 36. **Pages H771–72**

Earlier agreed to H. Res. 433, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a yea and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 34. **Pages H762–64**

Small Business Tax Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 3081, to increase the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for small businesses by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 41. **Pages H792–H879**

Rejected the Rangel motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute providing for

small business tax relief by a yea and nay vote of 207 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 40. **Pages H866–78**

Pursuant to the rule, the text of H.R. 3832 was considered as adopted in lieu of the Committee on Ways and Means amendment printed in the bill.

Pages H821–42

Minimum Wage Increase: The House passed H.R. 3846, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to 143 noes, Roll No. 45.

Pages H879–H902

Pursuant to the rule, the text of H.R. 3846, as passed the House, was appended to the end of H.R. 3081; H.R. 3846 was laid on the table; and the Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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Rejected the Clay motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back with amendments that remove several exemptions in the bill and apply provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 44.

Pages H899–H901

Agreed to the Traficant amendment printed in H. Rept. 106–516 that raises the minimum wage by \$1 over two years instead of three years by a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 43.

Pages H894–99

Earlier, agreed to the Sessions amendment to the rule that provided that an amendment striking Section 5, State Minimum Wage be considered as adopted.

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Representative Largent made a point of order against consideration of the bill pursuant to section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 dealing with an intergovernmental unfunded mandate in excess of \$50 million. Subsequently, the House voted to consider the bill by a yea and nay vote of 274 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 42.

Pages H879–81

The House agreed to H. Res. 434, the rule that provided for consideration of both H.R. 3081, to provide tax benefits for small businesses and H.R. 3846, to increase the minimum wage by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 211 noes, Roll No. 39. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 216 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 38. **Pages H773–92**

Open-market Reorganization for the Betterment of International Telecommunications (ORBIT) Act: The House agreed to the conference report on S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications.

Pages H902–06

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 27th Annual Report for Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Pages H906–07**

Senate Conditional Adjournment: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 94, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page H907**

Meeting Hour Monday, March 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2000. **Page H907**

Meeting Hour Tuesday, March 14: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 13, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14 for morning-hour debates. **Page H907**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 15. **Page H907**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H759 and H879.

Referral: S. 935 was referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Science. **Page H916**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H764, H764–65, H772, H772–73, H791–92, H792, H877, H878–79, H881, H899, H900–01, and H901–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2000.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Stephen Dewhurst, Budget Officer; and Hugh Parmer, Assistant Administrator, Humanitarian Response, AID, Department of State.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Department of State Administration of Foreign Affairs. Testimony was heard from Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary for Management, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Richard Riley, Secretary of Education.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Air Force Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense: Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary, Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment; and Maj. Gen. Earnest Robbins, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: James Johnson, Under Secretary, Law Enforcement; and Bradley A. Buckles, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, and the Community Development Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from George Knight, Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; and Ellen Lazar, Community Development

Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

BUDGET REQUEST—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND MILITARY HOUSING PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget request for the military construction and military family housing programs of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment), Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Rear Adm. John G. Cotton, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Reserve, all with the Department of the Navy; and Ruby B. Demesme, Assistant Secretary (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment); Maj. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins II, USAF, The Civil Engineer; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., USAF; and Brig. Gen. Robert Duignan, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Office of the Air Force Reserve, all with the Department of the Air Force.

ARMY PROGRAMS AND TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Army programs and transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army, Department of Defense: Paul J. Hoepfer, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); Mike Andrews, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Research and Technology); and Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness and the Subcommittee on Civil Service of the Committee on Government Reform held a joint hearing on Civilian Personnel Readiness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues; and Barry Holman, Associate Director, Defense Management Issues; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civilian Personnel Policy); David L. Snyder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civilian Personnel Policy); Betty S. Welch, Deputy Assistant

Secretary, Navy (Civilian Personnel/EEO); Mary Lou Keener, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Force Management and Personnel); and David O. Cooke, Director, Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary; and a public witness.

MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Money Laundering. Testimony was heard from Senator Schumer; Stuart Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

PRICE FLUCTUATIONS—OIL MARKETS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on price fluctuations in oil markets. Testimony was heard from Representatives Moran of Kansas, Sherwood, Sweeney and Crowley; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Mark Mazur, Director, Office of Policy; and John Cook, Director, Petroleum Division, Energy Information Administration; Richard G. Parker, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; and public witnesses.

FETAL TISSUE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Fetal Tissue: Is It Being Bought and Sold in Violation of Federal Law? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also adopted a resolution finding Miles Jones, M.D., in Contempt of Congress and directing the Chairman to report such findings to the full Committee for consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3011, Truth in Billing Act of 1999; and H.R. 3022, Rest of the Truth in Telephone Billing Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ERISA REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on "A More Secure Retirement for Workers: Proposals for ERISA Reform." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ANTHRAX REPORT

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3699, designating that the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3409 Lee Highway in Merrifield, Virginia, be known as the "Joel T. Broyhill Postal Building";

H.R. 3701, designating the United States Postal Service located at 3118 Washington Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia, be known as the "Joseph L. Fisher Post Office Building"; H.R. 3030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 757 Warren Road in Ithaca, New York, as the "Matthew F. McHugh Post Office"; and H.R. 3488, to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the "Pat King Post Office Building".

The Committee also approved the following draft report entitled: "The Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program: Unproven Force Protection".

COMPUTER SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Computer Security: Are We Prepared for Cyberwar?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: John Tritak, Director, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office; and Karen Brown, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; John Gilligan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAL POLICY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service held a hearing on International Postal Policy. Testimony was heard from Bernard L. Ungar, Director, Government Business Operations Issues, GAO; Ambassador Michael Southwick, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; T.S. Chung, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Services Industry, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Joseph Papovich, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Services, Investments, and Intellectual Property, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Elizabeth Durant, Director, Trade Programs, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Donna Patterson, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert Cohen, Director, Office of Rates, Analysis and Planning, U.S. Postal Rate Commission; William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SOUTHEAST EUROPE—U.S. ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 429,

amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the participation of the extremist FPO in the government of Austria; and H. Res. 431, amended, expressing support for humanitarian assistance to the Republic of Mozambique.

The Committee also held a hearing on U.S. Assistance Commitments in Southeast Europe. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Larry C. Napper, Coordinator, Eastern European Assistance; James Pardew, Principal Deputy Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Kosovo and Dayton Accords Implementation; and Daniel Hamilton, Special Coordinator for Southeast Europe Stability Pact Implementation.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 1283, Fairness in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999.

Will continue March 14.

OVERSIGHT—PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Testimony was heard from Q. Todd Dickinson, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

INTERNET GAMBLING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Senator Kyl; Representative Goodlatte; Kevin DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; James E. Doyle, Attorney General, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 238, to amend section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose mandatory minimum sentences, and increase certain sentences, for bringing in and harboring certain aliens and to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for persons committing such offenses while armed.

OVERSIGHT—MAGNUSON-STEVENS CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Clarence Pautzke, Executive Director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2647, Ak-Chin Water Use Amendments Act of 1999; H.R. 3236, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah., to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial and other beneficial purposes; and H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho.

CLIMATE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Climate Change Budget Authorization Request. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Administrator, NOAA and Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and Paul M. Stolpman, Director, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA.

REVIEW BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request for the Technology Administration/National Institute of Standards and Technology, including Computer Security and E-Commerce Initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Ray Kammer, Director and Cheryl Shavers, Under Secretary, Technology Administration, both with the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and Johnnie E. Frazier, Inspector General.

SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT CORRECTIONS ACT; SMALL BUSINESS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3845, Small Business Investment Corrections Act of 2000; and H.R. 3843, Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000.

HOMELESS VETERANS' ISSUES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on homeless veterans' issues. Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Governor, State of Wisconsin; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Fran M. Murphy, M.D., Veterans Health Administration; and Henrietta Fishman, VISN 3, Homeless Veterans Treatment Program; Fred Karnas, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Needs Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Raymond G. Boland, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Wisconsin; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION— FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Unemployment Compensation and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Gregg; Raymond J. Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Christopher G. Donovan, member, House of Representatives, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

DCI BUDGET OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001—DCI Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SUPPLY-SIDE ECONOMICS AND THE U.S. ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effect of the Joint Economic Committee's 1980 Plugging In The Supply Side report, the impact of supply-side economics on the United States economy over the past twenty years, and what remains to be done for a successful economic future, after receiving testimony from Martin Baily, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Jack

Kemp, Empower America, and Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, both of Washington, D.C.; Murray Weidenbaum, Washington University Center for the Study of American Business, St. Louis, Missouri; David Malpass, Bear Stearns, and Robert Solow, Russell Sage Foundation, both of New York, New York; and Alan Reynolds, Hudson Institute, Reston, Virginia.

BELARUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine certain issues with regard to the situation in Belarus, focusing on human rights suppression, free and fair parliamentary elections, deteriorating economic situation, and developing democracy and independence, after receiving testimony from Harold Hongju Koh, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Ross Wilson, Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary for the New Independent States, both of the Department of State; Anatoly Lebedka, Belarus Supreme Soviet Commission for International Affairs and United Civic Party, Semyon Sharetsky, Republic of Belarus Supreme Soviet, Stanislav Shushkevych, Belarus Supreme Soviet and National Academy of Sciences, Adrian Severin, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Belarus Working Group, all of Minsk, Belarus; and Spencer Oliver, OSCE PA, Copenhagen, Denmark.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Service's infrastructure accounts and Real Property Maintenance Programs and the National Defense Construction Request, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SD-366.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Elementary and Secondary Education; and Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to continue hearings on

“A More Secure Retirement for Workers: Proposals for ERISA Reform,” 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to continue hearings on Biennial Budgeting: A Tool for Improving Government Fiscal Management and Oversight, 9:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on Fiscal year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Support to Military Operations, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 13 through March 18, 2000

Senate Chamber

Senate will not be in session.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 15, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, March 14, Subcommittee on Interior, on Department of Energy—Fossil Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Public Witnesses, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Customs Service, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Supreme Court, 10 a.m., and on State and Local Law Enforcement, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Defense, on Fiscal Year 2001 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn; and, executive, on Fiscal Year 2001 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, export Financing and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Interior, on Woodrow Wilson Center, 10 a.m., on Holocaust Museum, 11 a.m.,

on Kennedy Center, 11:30 a.m., and on Secretary of Energy, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education and Educational Research and Improvement, 10 a.m., and on Office of Higher Education/Office of Student Financial Aid, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Family Housing Privatization, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation, on National Railroad Passenger Corporation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Secret Service, 10 a.m., and on Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on NASA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Chief Information Officer, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., and on FBI, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Ballistic Missile Defense, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy—Energy Resources and Science, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Interior, on Geological Survey, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Howard University and Gallaudet University, 10 a.m., and on Special Institutions for the Disabled; and Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Family Housing Privatization outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on IRS, 9:30 a.m., and on Secretary of the Treasury, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 14, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, full Committee, to continue hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense authorization budget request, with emphasis on the regional commanders, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 15, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hearing on morale, welfare and recreation resale systems and programs, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on removing the barriers to TRICARE, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 16, Special Oversight Panel on Department of Energy Reorganization, hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration and implementation of the provisions of Title XXXII, 10 a.m., 2216 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the implementation of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, utilities infrastructure privatization, and asset management practices of the military departments, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on Air Force programs, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 17, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on sustaining the All Volunteer Force, 8:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, March 14, to mark up H.R. 1776, American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 15, to mark up H.R. 3519, World Bank AIDS Prevention Trust Fund Act, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on The Reagan Legacy, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Capital Markets Securities and Government-Sponsored Enterprises, hearing and markup of H.R. 2924, Hedge Fund Disclosure Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on safety and security of the new National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the Telecommunications Merger Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 15, full Committee, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1089, Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act of 1999; H.R. 887, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require improved disclosure of corporate charitable contributions; and H.R. 1954, Rental Fairness Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Assessing the Operation of the National Practitioner Data Bank, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 16, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 3462, Wealth Through the Workplace Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 14, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Status of Key Operations, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, to continue hearings on

HHS Drug Treatment Support: Is SAMHSA Optimizing Resources? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Agent Orange: Status of the Air Force's Ranch Hand Study, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 15, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2001 Foreign Assistance Request, 10 a.m., room to be announced.

March 15, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the U.S. and Latin America in the New Millennium: Outlook and Priorities, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 16, full Committee, hearing on North Korea: Leveraging Uncertainty? 10 a.m., room to be announced.

March 16, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Africa's Energy Potential, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 14, 15 and 16, to continue markup of H.R. 1283, Fairness in Asbestos Compensation Act of 1999; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; and H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, 2 p.m., on March 14, 10:15 a.m., on March 15 and 10:30 a.m., on March 16, 2141 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Private Property Rights and Telecommunications Policy, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1349, Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 1999; and H.R. 3048, Presidential Threat Protection Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 14, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Road Management Policy, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 14, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 2557, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion in Biscayne National Park, Florida, of the archaeological site known as the Miami Circle; H.R. 3084, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contribute funds for the establishment of an interpretative center on the life and contributions of President Abraham Lincoln; and H.R. 3293, to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 15, full committee, to consider pending business, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget requests for the following Department of the Interior Agencies: Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement; Minerals Management Service; energy and minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Geological Survey, except water resources programs, 1:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 16, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2941, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act

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Committee on Science, March 15, Subcommittee on Basic Research, to continue hearings on National Science Foundation Fiscal 2001 Budget Authorization Request, Part III: A View from Outside NSF, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Standards Conformity and the Federal Government: A Review of Section 12 of Public Law 104-113, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Fossil Energy; and Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request for Human Spaceflight, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 14, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Benefits of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, joint hearing with respect to Public Law 106-50, Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 15, full Committee, hearing on Helping Agricultural Producers “Re-Grow” Rural America”: Providing the Tools, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 15, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the United States Coast Guard Fiscal Year 2001 budget request, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Security, focusing on Training and Retention of Screeners, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 16, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs, Loan Guaranty Service, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 16, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on H.R. 1488, Compassion for Children and Child Support Enforcement Act of 1999, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 16, Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings to examine Social Security’s readiness for the impending wave of Baby Boomer beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: March 15, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Program for Monday: Senate will be in a period of morning business, during which two Senators will be recognized.

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