

Guest Chaplain: The Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. **Page H1128**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1128**

Meeting Hour—Wednesday, March 21: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22. **Page H1128**

Presidential Message—United States and Bangladesh Agreement: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement between the United States and Bangladesh concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H.Doc. 106–213). **Pages H1128–29**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Family Day: H. Con. Res. 288, recognizing the importance of families and children in the United States and expressing support for the goals and ideas of National Family Day (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 56); **Pages H1129–32, H1138–39**

Kern County California Land Exchange: H.R. 1680, amended, to provide for the conveyance of Forest Service property in Kern County, California, in exchange for county lands suitable for inclusion in Sequoia National Forest; **Pages H1132–34**

Urging the National Park Service to Use Corps of Engineers for Park Maintenance Projects: H. Res. 182, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Park Service should take full advantage of support services offered by the Department of Defense (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 392 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 57); **Pages H1134–36, H1139–40**

Miwaleta Park Expansion Act: H.R. 1725, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land; and **Pages H1136–37**

Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office in Madison, Florida: H.R. 1666, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 200 East Pinckney Street in Madison, Florida, as the “Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. Post Office.” **Pages H1137–38**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. **Page H1138**

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representatives Thornberry, Moran of Kansas,

Moore, and Boswell to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. **Page H1138**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:00 p.m. and reconvened at 11:17 p.m. **Page H1161**

Senate Messages: S. Con. Res. 96 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H1161**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1164–73.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1138–39 and H1139–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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 Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from Catherine Wotecki, Under Secretary, Agriculture, Food Safety, USDA.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on DC Public Schools (including Charter Schools). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority: Alice M. Rivlin, Chair; and Constance B. Newman, Vice Chair; and the following officials of schools of the District of Columbia: Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent; Josephine Baker, Chair, DC Public Charter School Board; and Malcolm Peabody, Chair, PC Public Charter School Coalition.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy-Nuclear Waste Management and Disposal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Ivan Itkin, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

**LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Consumer Information Center. Testimony was heard from Anne Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and Teresa N. Nasif, Director, Federal Consumer Information Center.

**DEFENSE PROGRAMS—ENERGY
DEPARTMENT BUDGET REQUEST**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2001 Budget request (defense programs) and related matters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: T. J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary; Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Gioconda, USAF, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Programs and Rose E. Gottemoeller, Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, both with the National Nuclear Security Administration.

MARGIN LENDING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on Margin Lending. Testimony was heard from Senator Schumer; and public witnesses.

**USDA'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT
RESULTS**

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Results of the Department of Agriculture's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statements Audit". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger Viadero, Inspector General; and Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; and Linda Calbom, Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development, Accounting and Financial Management Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

**OVERSIGHT—PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on Private Property Rights and Telecommunications Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY AMENDMENTS
ACT**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The rule provides one motion to commit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Upton, Gibbons, Dingell, Markey, Traficant, Kucinich, and Berkley.

OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3822, Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule makes in order the Committee on International Relations amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, modified by striking subsection 6(c). The rule provides that the bill should be open for amendment by section. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gilman and Representatives Kasich, Shays, Hobson, Collins, Gejdenson, Markey, Sanders, Traficant, Baldacci, Larson and Inslee.

**FEDERAL FUEL TAX REDUCTION—IMPACT
ON TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on the Impact on Transportation Programs of Reducing the Federal Fuel Tax. Testimony was heard from Peter J. Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and

Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

TAX INCENTIVES—ASSIST DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Incentives to Assist Distressed Communities. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Talisman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Xavier Romeu, Secretary, Department of Economic Development, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL IMAGERY AND MAPPING PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 National Imagery and Mapping Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D221)

S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications. Signed March 17, 2000. (P.L. 106–180)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on issues relating to cabin fees, 3 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, 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 tactical aviation, 2 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine electronic communications networks and brokerage firms efforts to meet investors' needs in the financial marketplace of the future, 10 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, 2 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Mary-

land, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine recent program and management issues at NASA, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on H.R. 862, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District; H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; S. 1659, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; and S. 2091, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iraq, focusing on sanctions and U.S. policy, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on Department of Energy's management of health and safety issues surrounding the DOE's gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Piketon, Ohio, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SR–485.

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

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold oversight hearings on certain antitrust issues, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings on the Constitution and campaign reform, 9 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association