

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1833–S1924

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2310–2327, and S. Con. Res. 100. **Pages S1883–84**

Measure Rejected:

Flag Protection Constitutional Amendment: By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 48), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. **Pages S1833–43, S1857–74**

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

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on S.J. Res. 14 (listed above). **Page S1839**

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Burns, Stevens, Gorton, Hutchison, Abraham, Hollings, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, and Wyden; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for items within their jurisdiction: Senators Gramm, Bennett, and Sarbanes; and from the Committee on the Judiciary for items within their jurisdiction: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy.

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Satellite Loan Guarantees Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2097, to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television

broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, on Thursday, March 30, 2000. **Page S1924**

Gas Tax Repeal Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday, occur no later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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Messages From the House: **Page S1881**

Measures Referred: **Page S1881**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1881**

Measures Read First Time: **Pages S1856, S1924**

Communications: **Pages S1881–83**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1876–81**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—48) **Pages S1839, S1874**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1924.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, after receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Secretary, and Gen.

Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to continue markup of an original concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AMATEUR SPORTS GAMBLING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine issues dealing with gambling in amateur sports, including related provisions of S. 2267, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes (pending on Senate calendar), receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Edwards; Representatives Graham, Roemer, Gibbons, and Berkley; Charles T. Wethington, Jr., University of Kentucky, Lexington, on behalf of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; Jim Calhoun, University of Connecticut Men's Basketball, Storrs; Timothy A. Kelly, National Gambling Impact Study Commission, Alexandria, Virginia; Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., American Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Don Yeager, Sports Illustrated, New York, New York; Brian Sandoval, Nevada Gaming Commission, Reno; Kenneth Winters, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and Bobby Siller, Nevada Gaming Control Board, Carson City.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

LAND CONVEYANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, after receiving testimony from Elaine F. Brong, Deputy Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; Dennis Bschor, Director, Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Wyoming State Senator Henry H.R. Coe, Cody, on behalf of the Park County Board of Commissioners; Jack Rich, Rich Ranch, Seeley Lake, Montana; Becky Smith, Orange Torpedo Trips, Grants Pass, Oregon, and Doug Tims, Maravia Cor-

poration, Boise, Idaho, both on behalf of the America Outdoors; David E. Jenkins, American Canoe Association, Springfield, Virginia; and Jason D. Robertson, American Whitewater Association, Silver Spring, Maryland.

MEDICARE REFORM—PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, focusing on current and supplemental drug coverage, beneficiary income spending, benefit design, and cost controls, receiving testimony from Senators Frist, Kennedy, Snowe, and Wyden; Representative Bilirakis; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Fogarty, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors; Carol J. McCall, Allscripts, Inc., Libertyville, Illinois; and Marjorie Dorr, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut, North Haven, on behalf of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michelle Andrews Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine budget and oversight issues to better position the federal government to meet current and emerging challenges and shape a more efficient and effective government, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts resumed oversight hearings on alleged Chinese espionage, focusing on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee, receiving testimony from Stephen W. Preston, General Counsel, and John G. Schuster, Jr., Branch Head, Submarine Security and Technology Branch (OPNAV N875), both of the Department of the Navy; Dan Sayner, Assistant Special-Agent-in-Charge, Los Angeles Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Thomas L. Cook, Nonproliferation and International Security Division, NIS-9/Weapon Design Technologies, Los

Alamos National Laboratory, and Richard Twogood, former Technical Director, Non-Acoustical Anti-Submarine Warfare Program, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy.

Hearings continue Wednesday, April 5.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine issues dealing with campaign finance reform, focusing on Presidential selection process and campaign contribution limits, after receiving testimony from Senators Thompson, Lieberman, and Gorton; Roger Pilon, CATO Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, and Derek Cressman, United States Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Lamar Alexander, Nashville, Tennessee; and Herbert E. Alexander, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Hearings continue Friday, April 7.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, with an amendment.

CHOCTAW INDIAN LAND TRUST

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4109–4128; 2 private bills, H.R. 4129–4130; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295 and H. Res. 451–452, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay (Rept. 106–550);

H.R. 1359, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–551);

S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse”, amended (H. Rept. 106–552); and

H.R. 1776, to expand home ownership in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 106–553).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nussle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1481

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of March 28 by a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 47 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 80.

Pages H1481, H1484–85

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 3908, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

Pages H1495–H1585

Agreed To:

Toomey amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that appropriated \$4 billion from the on-budget surplus to reduce publicly held debt (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 yeas with none voting “no” and 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 83);

Pages H1516–19

Hutchinson amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that allocates \$15 million of unobligated funding in the Community Oriented Policing Services program for initiatives to combat methamphetamine production and trafficking;

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Sawyer amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that allocates \$50 million of funding for Plan Colombia and Andean Regional Counternarcotics Activities for assistance for internally displaced persons in Colombia; **Pages H1541–42**

Lewis of California amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that appropriates an additional \$4 billion for military health care, quality of life, recruitment and retention, and readiness and maintenance (agreed to by a recorded vote of 289 ayes to 130 noes, Roll No. 85); **Pages H1546–52, H1556**

Gilman amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that conditions military assistance for Colombia upon certification by the President that the Government of Colombia has implemented a strategy to eliminate coca and opium poppy production by 2005, grants the head of the Colombian Armed Forces the authority to dismiss personnel for gross violation of human rights, assures that the Armed Forces cooperate with civilian authorities in the investigation and prosecution in civilian courts of human rights, and develops a Judge Advocate General Corps for the Colombian armed forces (agreed to by a recorded vote of 380 ayes to 39 noes, Roll No. 87); **Pages H1543–46, H1557–58**

Fowler amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents should not have to rely on the food stamp program; **Page H1563**

Hoekstra amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that transfers \$1 million to the Corporation for National and Community Service Inspector General to conduct reviews and audits of the State Commissions on National and Community Service; **Page H1576**

Largent amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that makes available \$750,000 to the Commission on Online Child Protection; **Page H1577**

Schaffer amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that requires the GAO conduct and complete a comprehensive fraud audit of the Department of Education; **Pages H1583–84**

Rejected:

Sanford amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to reduce funding for various programs by \$1.6 billion; strike emergency designations to bring all spending on budget and subject to caps; and sequester all funding except defense and disaster relief as offsets (rejected by a recorded vote of 108 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 82); **Pages H1514–16**

Obey amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to reduce funding for counternarcotics by \$552 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 84); **Pages H1520–24**

Pelosi amendment that sought to reduce funding for counter-drug activities for Push Into Southern Colombia program by \$51 million; **Pages H1524–40**

Ramstad amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to strike Title I, Counternarcotics, and thereby reduce overall funding by \$1.7 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 86); **Pages H1552–54, H1556–57**

Fowler amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to prohibit the use of \$40 million for a referendum among the residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico regarding further use of the island range by the Navy and require that the President certify that all trespassing and other intrusions on the range have ceased and that comprehensive operational training has resumed before economic development funding of \$40 million is made available (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 88). **Pages H1561–63, H1584–85**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Taylor of Mississippi amendment, no. 9 and printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to limit the number of military personnel in Colombia; **Pages H1542–43**

Farr amendment that sought to earmark Agency for International Development funding in Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, and Colombia for alternative economic development activities to be managed by the United Nations Drug Control Program; **Pages H1554–56**

Section 3602 that specifies that the Executive Draft on Federal Transportation in the National Capital Region shall take effect on the date of enactment and requires a study on its implementation within 60 days of enactment; **Pages H1572–73**

Withdrawn:

The Clayton amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to make \$1 million available for implementation of the Flood Water Mitigation and Stream Restoration Project in Princeville, North Carolina; **Page H1565**

Kaptur amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to allocate \$130 million for grants and loans for equity capital to establish farmer-owned cooperatives for the processing and marketing of agricultural commodities, including livestock; **Pages H1565–66**

Kilpatrick amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide an additional \$20 million in funding for flood recovery efforts in the Republic of Mozambique and surrounding affected countries; **Pages H1569–70**

Blagojevich amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide an additional \$500 million for youth activities under the Workforce Investment Act; **Pages H1570–71**

Cardin amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase the limit on Social Security Administration administrative expenses by \$336 million; **Pages H1571–72**

Isakson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$225,000 for the Web-Based Education Commission; **Page H1575**

Postponed proceedings:

Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment that provides \$10 million for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, \$80 million for a local government matching Fire Competitive Grant Program, and allow Community Development Block Grants to be used for local fire service use was offered and debated. The Chair postponed further proceedings on the amendment; **Pages H1577–83**

H. Res. 450, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 241 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 81. **Pages H1485–95**

Order of Business—Emergency Supplemental: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 3908, in the committee of the Whole pursuant to H. Res. 450, no further amendment shall be in order except for pro forma amendments offered by the Chairman or ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations for the purpose of debate; amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 105–549 and numbered 12; and amendments offered by Representatives Paul, Stearns, Taylor of Mississippi, Traficant, Baldacci, Tancredo, and Kaptur. **Pages H1585–86**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H1481.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1485, H1494–95, H1515–16, H1519, H1523–24, H1556, H1556–57, H1557–58, and H1584–85. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 30.

Committee Meetings

FREEDOM TO E-FILE ACT; FEDERAL FARM POLICY REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 852, Freedom to E-File Act.

The Committee also held a hearing to review federal farm policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the FCC. Testimony was heard from William E. Kennard, Chairman, FCC.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kilpatrick, Baca, and Roemer; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Robert Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Railroad Retirement Board, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Education Goals Panel, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Cheryl T. Thomas, Chair, Railroad Retirement Board; Beverly Sheppard, Acting Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities; Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; and David F. Lacy, CEO/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the GSA and the Administrative Office of the Courts. Testimony was heard from David Barram, Administrator, GSA; and Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court, Third District.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from various Assistant Administrators of the EPA.

BUSINESS CHECKING MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Finance: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4067, Business Checking Modernization Act.

RADIO BROADCASTING PRESERVATION ACT; RURAL LOCAL BROADCAST SIGNAL ACT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 3615, Rural Local Broadcast Signal Act.

NEW ELECTRONIC MARKET COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Competition in the New Electronic Market: Part 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EEO DATA AND COMPLAINT PROCESSING PROBLEMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on EEO Data and Complaint Processing Problems. Testimony was heard from Representative Wynn; Carlton Hadden, Acting Director, Federal Operations, EEOC; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; Cynthia Hallberlin, Chief Counsel, Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, National Program Manager of REDRESS, U.S. Postal Service; Roger Blanchard, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, USAF, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

ENHANCING COMPUTER SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Enhancing Computer Security: What Tools Work Best? Testimony was heard from Jack Brock, Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, GAO; Dave Nelson, Deputy Chief Information Officer, NASA; and a public witness.

FCC AUTHORIZATION

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the Federal Election Commission authorization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Darryl Wold, Chairman; Danny Lee McDonald, Vice Chairman, and Chairman, Finance Committee; and David Mason, Commissioner.

OIL INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS TO COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry. Testimony was heard from Senators Murkowski and Campbell; Representatives Gilman, Sanders, Markey and Weygand; Rich Parker, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Mike Fisher, At-

torney General, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue April 7.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Hulshof, Rangel and Jefferson on H.R. 7, Education Savings and School Excellence Act of 1999.

NOAA AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization Request: NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Administrator, NOAA, and Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and Steven J. Brown, Deputy Associate Administrator, Air Traffic Services, FAA, Department of Transportation.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD ICEBREAKING MISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard icebreaking mission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Rear Adm. Ernest R. Riutta, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Operations; and Chief Warrant Officer Richard W. Glasgow, USCG, Coast Guard Activities, New York; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Tasking, Processing Exploitation, and Dissemination (TPED, etc.). Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Treasury Law Enforcement Bureaus, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S. 1361, to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on S. 882, to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change; and S. 1776, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to revise the energy policies of the United States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance global climate science, promote technology development, and increase citizen awareness, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's October 1999 announcement to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on the Administration's fiscal year 2001 budget for programs with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the need for nonproliferation policy innovations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, meeting to discuss crucial issues before the United Nations, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on the nominations of Alan Craig Kessler, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service; and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings

to examine racial profiling within law enforcement agencies, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold oversight hearings on the operations of the Architect of the Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2335, Hydroelectric Licensing Process Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 1262, to provide that existing facilities located on the Pentwater River in Michigan, are not required to be licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under part 1 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 422, to provide for Alaska state Jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects; S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; and S. 1937, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to join operating entities, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn..

Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Health and Environment, joint hearing on the EPA's Proposed Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4040, Long-Term Care Security Act; and H.R. 2842, Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1999, 10 a.m., and to continue hearings on "Missing White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; and to mark up the following: H.R. 3767, Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act; H.R. 371, Hmong Veteran's Naturalization Act of 1999; H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999; H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000; and private relief bills, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 2964, Bounty Hunter Responsibility Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3176, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine ways of restoring the natural wetlands conditions in the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii; and H.R. 3292, to provide for the establishment of the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2919, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Act; and H.R. 3241, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument in South Carolina, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on California Central Valley Project (CVP) Operations and the CALFED Program, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Changing Face of Healthcare in the Electronic Age, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn,

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Social Security Program Integrity Activities, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing with Endeavor Shuttle Mission Astronauts, 12 p.m., and, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 General Defense Intelligence Program Budget (DIA, S&T Centers, etc.), 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 2097, Launching Our Communities' Access to Local Television Act (Satellite Loan Guarantees).

Also, following disposition of S. 2097, Senate will vote on the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S. 2285, Gas Tax Repeal Act; following which, Senate will begin a period of morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3908, 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act.

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