

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Satellite Loan Guarantees bill.

The House passed H.R. 3908, 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1925–S2027

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2328–2338, and S. Res. 279–280. **Pages S1986–87**

Measures Passed:

Launching Our Communities' Access to Local Television Act (Satellite Loan Guarantees): By 97 yeas to 0 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 50), Senate passed S. 2097, to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S1926–41, S1946–58, S1961–68

Adopted:

Baucus/Leahy Modified Amendment No. 2900, to make certain minor and technical changes.

Pages S1951, S1963–74

Gramm (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 2902, to strike certain provisions relating to the retransmission of local television broadcast stations.

Pages S1957, S1964

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 49), Johnson Amendment No. 2903, to address certain lending practices.

Pages S1965–66

Withdrawn:

Gramm Amendment No. 2897, to address certain lending practices.

Pages S1934–40, S1954

Subsequently, Johnson Amendment No. 2898 (to Amendment No. 2897), to improve the loan guarantee program, fell when Gramm Amendment No. 2897 (listed above) was withdrawn.

Pages S1935–40, S1954

Bunning Amendment No. 2896, to require that the entity, if any, that receives the entire amount of

the available loan guarantee shall provide in each underserved area or unserved area in each State all the local television broadcast signals broadcast in such State. **Pages S1940–41, S1954–55, S1962**

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

Senate sustained a point of order that Breau Amendment No. 2901, providing for the approval and administration of loan guarantees relating to space launch vehicles, was not relevant (pursuant to the order of November 18, 1999). **Pages S1955–56**

Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 835, to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, after withdrawing the committee amendment, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2008–18**

Smith Amendment No. 2904, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2011–15**

Gas Tax Repeal Act—Cloture Vote: By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 51), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday.

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Authority for Committees: The Committee on the Budget was authorized to file the congressional budget resolution during the adjournment of the Senate on Friday, March 31, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Page S2020**

Congressional Budget Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the Congressional Budget Resolution on Tuesday, April 4, 2000, providing the report is available Saturday morning, April 1, 2000.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

50 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

27 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

Robert W. Baker, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

Debbie D. Branson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.

Geoffrey T. Crowley, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.

Robert A. Davis, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.

Kendall W. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of one year.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—51) **Pages S1965–66, S1967, S1970**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, April 3, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2020.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Ruth L. Kirschstein, Acting Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Treasury, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Bradley A. Buckles, Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Brian L. Stafford, Director, U.S. Secret Service, W. Ralph Basham, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and William Baity, Deputy Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,137 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Mark Mazur, Director, Office of Policy, and Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; Margaret Leinen, Assistant Director for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council; Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Director, Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, National Research Council; Samuel L. Maury, Business Roundtable, Richard L. Lawson, National Mining Association, Joe F. Colvin, Nuclear Energy Institute, Paul C. Bailey, Edison Electric Institute, Michael L. Marvin, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, and Daniel Lashof, Natural Resources Defense Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Kurt E. Yeager, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; and Charles D. Estes, Estes and Associates/Appalachian-Pacific Coal Mine Methane Power Company, Arlington, Virginia.

FOREST SERVICE ROADLESS POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management resumed oversight hearings on the President's October 1999 announcement to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, focusing on the Forest Services's Roadless Policy announcement and its decision to not honor the requests of several states for cooperating agency status under the National Environmental Policy Act, receiving testimony from Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Helena; and George T. Frampton, Jr., Acting Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

2001 BUDGET—EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for programs of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, focusing on the current status and future direction of the Superfund, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Brownfields, and Underground Stor-

age Tank programs, after receiving testimony from Timothy Fields, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled Marriage Tax Relief Act of 2000.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine nonproliferation threats and U.S. policy formulation issues, focusing on the prevention of further spread of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them, a U.S. Ballistic Missile Commission report, and a review of North Korea policy, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Rumsfeld Associates, Chicago, Illinois, former Secretary of Defense; Stephen J. Hadley, Shea and Gardner, Washington, D.C., former Assistant Secretary of Defense; and Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Harvard-Stanford Preventive Defense Project; former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy.

UNITED NATIONS ROUNDTABLE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met to discuss crucial issues before the United Nations with Arnoldo M. Listre, Permanent Representative of Argentina; Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; Robert R. Fowler, Permanent Representative of Canada; Wang Ying Fan, Permanent Representative of China; Jean-David Levitte, Permanent Representative of France; Mignonette Patricia Durant, Permanent Representative of Jamaica; Agam Hasmy, Permanent Representative of Malaysia; Moctar Ouane, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mali; Martin Andjaba, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Namibia; Arnold Peter van Walsum, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands; Sergey V. Lavrov, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation; Said Ben Mustapha, Permanent Representative of Tunisia; Volodymyr Y. Yel'chencko, Permanent Representative of Ukraine; Jeremy Quentin Greenstock, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom; and Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Representative to the United Nations.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Kessler was introduced by Senators Santorum and Biden, and Ms. Pope was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RACIAL PROFILING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings on S. 821, to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops, after receiving testimony from Senator Lautenberg; Representative Conyers; New Jersey State Assemblyman LeRoy J. Jones, Jr., Trenton, on behalf of the New Jersey Legislative Black and Latino Caucus; David A. Harris, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio, on behalf of the Center on Crime, Communities and Culture; Johnny L. Hughes, National Troopers Coalition, Annapolis, Maryland; John Welter, San Diego Police

Department, San Diego, California; Rodney Watt, City of Highland Park Police Department, Highland Park, Illinois; Rossano Gerald, Ft. Hood, Texas; and Robert L. Wilkins, Washington, D.C.; and Curtis V. Rodriguez, San Jose, California,

ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the operations, activities, and proposed fiscal year 2001 budget of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, focusing on physical safety, customer services delivery, building preservation, utility, and security, and staff development, after receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 4.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4131–4148; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 296 were introduced.

Pages H1628–29

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3671, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts, amended (H. Rept. 106–554).

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3908, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeay and nay vote of 263 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 95.

Pages H1592–H1621

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House with provisions that appropriate \$262 million to the Office of National Drug Control Policy for grants to recognize national, state, and local prevention and treatment organiza-

tions by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 94.

Pages H1619–20

Agreed To:

Weldon of Pennsylvania amendment, as modified, that provides \$10 million for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program and \$80 million for a local government matching Fire Competitive Grant Program. The modification struck references to the Community Development Block Grant program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 386 yeas to 28, Roll No. 90);

Pages H1592–94, H1602–03

Traficant amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that entities receiving assistance should purchase only American-made equipment and products; and

Pages H1603–04

Taylor of Mississippi amendment that limits funding to support no more than 300 military personnel in Colombia.

Pages H1610–11

Rejected:

Kasich amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that sought to withhold 50 percent of funding for military operations in Kosovo until the President certifies that the member nations of the European Commission, European Union and NATO have obligated or contracted a significant percentage of the financial and personnel assistance they committed to Kosovo (rejected by a yeay and nay vote of 200 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 89);

Pages H1594–H1602

Stearns amendment that sought to impose an across the board reduction of 10%, exempting emergency requirements and the Department of Defense (rejected by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 91);

Pages H1604–06, H1615–16

Paul amendment, no. 5 printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to reduce Drug Enforcement Administration funding by \$293 million; eliminate DOD Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug funding of \$186 million; eliminate Plan Colombia and Andean Regional Counternarcotics Activities funding of \$1.1 billion; prohibit the use of military construction funds outside of the U.S. and its territories; and prohibit the use of funds for operations in Kosovo or East Timor, other than for the return of personnel and property to the United States (rejected by a recorded vote of 45 ayes to 367 noes, Roll No. 92); and

Pages H1607–10, H1616–17

Tancredo amendment, no.16 printed in the Congressional Record, that sought to eliminate \$20 million in funding for the construction of a FDA facility in Los Angeles, California (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 267 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 93).

Pages H1611–14, H1617

Withdrawn:

Kaptur amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require that the Secretary of Energy acquire and store annually 300 million gallons of ethanol and 100 million gallons of biodiesel fuel as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

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Baldacci amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to make funding for weatherization available for other building technology assistance conservation activities.

Pages H1614–15

Crop Insurance Program: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Combest, Barrett of Nebraska, Boehner, Ewing, Pombo, Stenholm, Condit, Peterson of Minnesota, and Dooley.

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Legislative Program: Representative Lazio discussed the Legislative Program for the week of April 3.

Pages H1621–23

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 5.

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American Folklife Center: The Chair announced the Speaker’s Reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Mr. William L. Kinney of South Carolina to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1591.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1602, H1602–03, H1615–16, H1616–17, H1617, H1620, and H1620–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, held a hearing on SEC. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, SEC.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Corporation for National and Community Service; and National Mediation Board. Testimony was heard from Ernest W. DuBester, Chairman, National Mediation Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a 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. Testimony was heard from Senator Murkowski; Representative Radanovich; the following officials of the Department of Energy: James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Allen Burns, Vice President, Requirements Marketing, Bonneville Power Administration; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Penelope D. Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

FY 2001 EPA PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a joint hearing on the EPA's Proposed Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2001. Testimony was heard from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; "MISSING WHITE HOUSE E-MAILS: MISMANAGEMENT OF SUBPOENAED RECORDS"

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, 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.

The Committee also concluded hearings on "Missing White House E-Mails: Mismanagement of Subpoenaed Records". Testimony was heard from Beth Nolan, Counsel to the President; and Robert Raben, Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1304, amended, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999; H.R. 371, Hmong Veteran's Naturalization Act of 1999; and two private relief bills.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 3767, Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act.

Will continue April 4.

BOUNTY HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2964, Bounty Hunter Responsibility Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hutchinson and Deutsch; and public witnesses.

MILITARY EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 3380, Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Reed, Office of the General Counsel and Office of the Secretary; Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Barnes, USA, Office of the Judge Advocate General; and Brig. Gen. James R. Smith, USAF, Commander, 18th Fighter Wing; Roger Pauley, Director of Legislation, Office of Policy and Legislation, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Mink of Hawaii and Baker; Daniel Ashe, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; Representatives Sanford, Portman and Jones of Ohio; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CVP OPERATIONS/CALFED PROGRAM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on California Central Valley Project (CVP) Operations and the CALFED Program. Testimony was heard from David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Tom Hannigan, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

HEALTHCARE'S CHANGING FACE—ELECTRONIC AGE

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on the Changing Face of Healthcare in the Electronic Age. Testimony was heard from Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

WORLD TRADE CENTER'S FUTURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Future of the World Trade Organization. Testimony was heard from Jesse Ventura, Governor, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM INTEGRITY ACTIVITIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Social Security Program Integrity Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: William A. Halter, Deputy Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General.

ENDEAVOR SHUTTLE MISSION ASTRONAUTS BRIEFING; FY 2001 GENERAL DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing with the Endeavor Shuttle Mission Astronauts. The Committee was briefed by the Astronauts.

The Committee also met in executive session for a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 General Defense Intelligence Program Budget (DIA, S&T Centers, etc.). Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy's findings at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant

in Paducah, Kentucky, and plans for cleanup at the site, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "Are the Financial Records of the Federal Government Reliable", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 3 through April 8, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will be in a period for morning business.

On *Tuesday*, Senate expects to begin consideration of the Congressional Budget Resolution.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of the Congressional Budget Resolution, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: April 3, to hold hearings to examine the rising demand for older workers, 1 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 6, to hold hearings on interstate shipments of state inspected meat, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: April 4, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 4, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 4, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on Chechnya, Russia and U.S. Policy and aid programs, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

April 4, Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Treasury, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

April 5, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 5, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

April 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget

estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Trade Commission, 9:30 a.m., S-146 Capitol.

April 6, Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Office of Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 6, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the International Financial Institutions, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 4, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, 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 joint requirements, capabilities, and experimentation, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 4, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

April 6, Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 5, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the proposed five-year strategic plan of the U.S. Forest Service in compliance with Government Results and Performance Act. (Immediately following Full Committee Business Meeting), Time to be announced, SD-366.

April 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the energy potential of the 1002 area of the Arctic Coastal Plain; the role this energy could play in National security; the role this energy could play in reducing U.S. dependency on imported oil; and the legislative provisions of S. 2214, to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound and job creating program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal Plain, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: April 5, to hold hearings on the pattern of improper payments in the school Medicaid program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 4, to hold hearings on the nominations of Donald Arthur Mahley, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Chemical and Biological Arms Control Issues; and Gregory G. Govan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief U.S. Delegate to the Joint Consultative Group, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 4, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the international trafficking of women and children, 2 p.m., SD-419.

April 5, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings on United Nations peace keeping missions and their proliferation, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings on legacies of the Holocaust, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 5, to hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 4, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

April 6, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 5, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to resume oversight hearings on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 6, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 5, to hold hearings to examine political parties in America, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House Chamber

To Be Announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, April 6, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on H.R. 3453, Emergency Food Assistance Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Children and Environmental Health, 10 a.m., and on public witnesses, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Customs—Oversight Automated Commercial Environment, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on National Science Foundation, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on U.S. Trade Representative, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 5, Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on Everglades, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

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April 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Bureau of the Census, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Interior, on public witnesses—Natural Resources, Energy, and other programs, 10 a.m., B-308.

April 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, April 6, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2764, America's Private Investment Companies Act; and H.R. 2848, New Markets Initiative Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, April 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 2641, to make technical corrections to title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; to be followed by a hearing on H.R. 380, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Third Party Billing Company Fraud: Assessing the Threat Posed to Medicare, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 4, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Modernizing ERISA to Promote Security, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 4, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Fiscal Year 1999 Audit of the Corporation for National Service, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 5, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Rulemaking at the U.S. Department of Labor: OSHA's Employee Work at Home Policy, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, April 4, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Drug Treatment Options within the Criminal Justice System, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 5, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing of the 2000 Census: Mail-back Response Rates and Status of Key Operations, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 6, full Committee, hearing on Autism: Present Challenges, Future Needs—Why the Increased Rates? 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 4, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to continue hearings on the Future of the Export Administration Act, Part 2, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 5, full Committee, hearing on Haiti: Prospects for Free and Fair Elections, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 6, to hold a hearing on Tibet, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 4 and 5, to continue markup of H.R. 3767, Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3244, Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

April 6, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Fourth Amendment and the Internet, 2:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

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April 4, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Effect of the New Forest Rules on National Recreation, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

April 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2249, Corinth Battlefield Preservation Act of 1999; H.R. 2773, Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act of 1999; and H.R. 2833, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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