

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7865–S7904

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1259–1266. **Page S7876**

Measures Reported:

S. 231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools. (S. Rept. No. 108–70)

S. 504, to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics. (S. Rept. No. 108–71)

S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7876**

Energy Policy Act—Vote Change: A unanimous-consent request was granted permitting Senator Bayh to change his nay vote to a yea vote on Vote No. 221 changing the outcome of the vote to 45 yeas to 53 nays relative to Graham (FL) Amendment No. 884 (rejected on June 12, 2003) to S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States. **Page S7868**

Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, at 2 p.m., on Monday, June 16, 2003, for debate only. **Page S7868**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Governmental Affairs reports the nomination of Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, that the nomination be sequentially referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period not to exceed 15 days of session; and that the nomination be auto-

matically discharged and placed on the calendar if it has not been reported by that time. **Page S7903**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 71 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 226), R. Hewitt Pate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S7904**

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: On Thursday, June 12, Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee on Finance: On Thursday, June 12, Committee ordered favorably reported S. 312, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S7876–77**

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Text of H.R. 2115, as Previously Passed: **Pages S7884–S7902**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–226) **Pages S7866–68**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:26 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 16, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7903.)

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16 for morning hour debate.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET AUTONOMY

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Budget Autonomy for the District of Columbia: Restoring Trust in Our Nation's Capital." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council; and Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 16 through June 21, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, for debate only.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 18, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 18, to hold hearings to examine the New Basel Capital Accord, 10 a.m., SD-538.

June 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the growing problem of identity theft and its relationship to the Fair Credit Report Act, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 19, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold oversight hearings to examine grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, focusing on grazing permit renewal, BLM's potential changes to grazing regulations, range monitoring, drought, and other grazing issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: June 17, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine S. 525, the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2003, to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: June 17, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the U.S. Bilateral Free Trade Agreements with Singapore and Chile, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 17, to hold hearings to examine the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, done at Montreal May 28, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-45), Protocol to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air Signed at Warsaw on October 12, 1929, done at The Hague September 28, 1955 (The Hague Protocol) (Treaty Doc. 107-14), Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, with Annexes, done at Stockholm, May 22-23, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-05), Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, with Annexes, done at Rotterdam, September 10, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 106-21), Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population done at Washington on October 16, 2001 (Treaty Doc. 107-10), Agreement Amending the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges done at Washington May 26, 1981 (the "Treaty"), effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes at Washington on July 17, 2002, and August 13, 2002 (the "Agreement"). Enclosed is the report of the Secretary of State on the Agreement and a related agreement, effected by an exchange of notes at Washington on August 21, 2002, and September 10, 2002, amending the Annexes to the Treaty (Treaty Doc. 108-01), and Amendments to the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, with Annexes and agreed statements, done at Port Moresby, April 2, 1987, done at Koror, Palau, March 30, 1999, and at Kiritimati, Kiribati, March 24, 2002. Also transmitted, related Amendments to the Treaty Annexes, and the Memorandum of Understanding (Treaty Doc. 108-02), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 18, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the development of democracy in Burma, to be immediately followed by full committee hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu, and Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

June 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, 4 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: June 17, business meeting to consider pending calendar items, 10 a.m., SD-342.

June 18, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Fern Flanagan Saddler, Judith Nan Macaluso, Joseph Michael Francis Ryan III, and Jerry Stewart Byrd, all of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

June 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to conduct an initial review of the ULLICO matter, focusing on self-dealing and breach of duty, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 18, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

June 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine teacher union scandals, focusing on closing the gaps in union member protections, 10:15 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 18, to hold oversight hearings to examine Native American sacred places, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 17, to hold hearings to examine the FTC study on barriers to entry in the pharmaceutical marketplace, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine whether personal and national security risks compromise the potential of P2P File-Sharing Networks, 2 p.m., SD-226.

June 18, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the NewsCorp/DirecTV deal, focusing on global distribution, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: June 17, to hold hearings to examine Senate Resolution 151, requiring public disclosure of notices of objections (holds) to proceedings to motions or measures in the Senate, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: June 17, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, and Lawrence B. Hagel, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 17, to hold closed hearings to examine the nomination of Frank Libutti, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 19, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: June 17, to hold oversight hearings to examine Section 202 housing, focusing on efforts to do the right thing for seniors through better government, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, June 17, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research, hearing to review Biotechnology in Agriculture; followed by consideration of H.R. 1907, to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to ensure the availability of funds to provide technical assistance for certain conservation programs of the Department of Agriculture, 11 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

June 18, full Committee, hearing to review multilateral and bilateral agricultural trade negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

June 19, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, June 17, to consider the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations Report, Fiscal Year 2003; Suballocation of Budget Allocations Report, Fiscal Year 2004; Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004; and the Military Construction Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

June 18, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, hearing on FBI Reorganization, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, June 18, hearing on worldwide U.S. military commitments, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, June 18, hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, June 17, hearing on "The ULLICO Scandal and its Implications for U.S. Workers," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 17, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. Occupational Safety and Health-Fairness Act of 2003, focusing on Small Business and Workplace Safety, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on "International Programs in Higher Education and Questions of Bias," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, June 17, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on the role of FCRA in employee background checks and the collection of medical information, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 17, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings on Section 8 Housing Assistance Program: Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and Individuals who Rent, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 18, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 2420, Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer credit, hearing entitled “The New Basel Accord—In Search of a Unified U.S. Position,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Rural Housing in America,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, June 17, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing on “Federal Debt Management—Are Agencies Using Collection Tools Effectively?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 18, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on “Visa Revocations: Catching the Terrorists Among Us,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 19, full Committee, to consider the following: a Report—A Citizen’s Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records; H.R. 2396, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1210 Highland Avenue in Duarte, California as the “Francisco A. Martinez Flores Post Office,” H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9350 East Corporate Hill Drive in Wichita, Kansas, as the “Garner E. Shriver Post Office Building”; H.R. 2249, Postmasters Equity Act of 2003; H.R. 2328, to designate the facility of the Postal Service located at 2001 East Willard Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Robert A. Borski Post Office Building”; H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; H. Con. Res. 208, Supporting the National Men’s Health Week; and H. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers; followed by a hearing on “The Next Step in the Investigation of the Use of Informants by the Department of Justice,” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, June 17, to mark up the following: a resolution expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong in advance of the July 9 meeting of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong on the matter of Article 23; and H. Res. 260, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents or other materials in the President’s possession relating to Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 17, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on the Future of Transatlantic Relations: A View from Europe, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 17, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on Enforcement of the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act and Increasing Security Threats from Iran, (Part I), 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 18, Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Reauthorizing the Compacts of Free Associa-

tion with Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 19, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 17, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2344, Intellectual Property Restoration Act of 2003, 4:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing on “The Issuance, Acceptance, and Reliability of Consular Identification Cards,” 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, June 17, Subcommittee National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1399, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2003; H.R. 1616, Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Land Exchange Act; and H.R. 1964, Highland Stewardship Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 18, full Committee, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 884, Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act; and H.R. 1409, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on the Domestic Natural Gas Supply Shortage, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 19, the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health and the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, joint hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2057, Chronic Wasting Disease Support for States Act of 2003; and H.R. 2416, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 19, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 511, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1651, Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003, following joint hearing, 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, June 16, to consider Conference Report to accompany S. 342, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003, 7 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

June 17, to consider H.R. 8, Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2003, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, June 18, full Committee, hearing on the Globalization of White-Collar Jobs: Can America Lose These Jobs and Still Prosper? 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 18, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, to mark up the following: Reauthorizing the Economic Development Administration; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

June 19, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the Need to Update Water Quality Standards to Improve Clean Water Act Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, June 17, to continue hearings on the Report of the Administration's Task Force to improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

June 18, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to assess the Department of Veterans Affairs' management of the human subject protections maintained in its nationwide research programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

June 19, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up pending business, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 17, to mark up the following: the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003; and H.R. 2351, Health Savings Account Availability Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

June 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing on unemployment fraud and abuse, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

June 19, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on S Corporation Reforms, 10 a.m., 110 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, June 17, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, briefing on NSA Operations, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

June 18 and 19, full Committee, executive, hearings on Iraq WMD, 12 p.m., on June 18 and 2 p.m., on June 19, H-405 Capitol.

June 18, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Counterproliferation and Counternarcotics, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

June 18, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Terrorist Financing, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

June 19, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Counterintelligence Issues, 10:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

June 19, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, June 16, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing on "Balancing Security and Commerce," 3 p.m., 345 Cannon.

June 19, full Committee, hearing entitled "Response to Terrorism: How is DHS Improving Our Capabilities?" 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, for debate only.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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