Friday, February 23, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1285-S1304

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1571-1573.

D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, February 27, 1996.

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR PAROLE AND PROBATION

Committee on the Judiciary: On Thursday, February 22, committee concluded hearings to assess problems in monitoring and enforcing parole under the Interstate Compact for Parole and Probation, after receiving testimony from Representative Chabot; William Ridgely, Compact Administrator for Wisconsin, Madison; Mario Paparozzi, Deputy Compact Administrator for New Jersey, Trenton; Susan F. Bishop, Compact Administrator for Texas, Austin, both on behalf of the Parole and Probation Compact Administrators' Association; and Jill Goldhart, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Columbus.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Wednesday, February 21, committee concluded hearings to examine monetary policy issues, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

GOVERNORS PROPOSAL ON WELFARE AND MEDICAID

Committee on Finance: On Thursday, February 22, committee held hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, receiving testimony from Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison; Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson City; Delaware Governor Tom Carper, Dover; Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, Tallahassee; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing; and Colorado Governor Roy Romer, Denver.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 28.

FDA REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: On Wednesday and Thursday, February 21-22, committee concluded hearings on S. 1477, to improve the Federal regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, after receiving testimony on Wednesday from David A. Kessler, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary R. Hamilton, Director of Operations, Program, Evaluation and Methodology Division, General Accounting Office; Sherwin Gardner, Bethesda, Maryland, former Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Carl Peck, George-town University Medical Center, John Villforth, Food and Drug Law Institute, Lester Crawford, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Susan Abbott, American Spice Trade Association, and Carolyn Smith Dewall, Center for Science and the Public Interest, all of Washington, D.C.; Ellen Stovall, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Silver Spring, Maryland; Derek Link, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, New York; Pam Walker, Mitretek Systems, McLean, Virginia; Neil...
WORLDWIDE SECURITY THREAT

Select Committee on Intelligence: On Thursday, February 22, committee concluded hearings to examine the threat to worldwide security, after receiving testimony from John M. Deutch, Director of Central Intelligence; Tobi Trister Gati, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research; and Lt. Gen. Patrick Hughes, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

WHITESTONE

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: On Thursday, February 22, committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Harold Ickes, Deputy Chief of White House Staff.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 28.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 2967-2971; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 364 were introduced.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from Speaker pro tempore Morella wherein she designates Representative Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Presidential Message—National Endowment for Democracy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the 12th Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy for 1995—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

Meeting Hour: It was made in order that, when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, for morning hour debates.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MEDICAID—BIPARTISAN NATIONAL GOVERNORS’ ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Committee on Commerce: On February 21, the Committee held a hearing on the Unanimous Bipartisan National Governors’ Association Agreement on Medicaid. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: John M. Engler, Michigan; Lawton Chiles, Florida; Michael O. Leavitt, Utah; Bob Miller, Nevada; Tommy G. Thompson, Wisconsin; and Roy Romer, Colorado.

OVERSIGHT—DC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the Water and Sewer Systems of the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from Michael McCabe, Director, Region III, EPA; Tom Jacobus, Chief, Washington Aqueduct, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Larry King, Director, Department of Public Works, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

LOCAL EMPOWERMENT AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On February 22, the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative
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Hoyer; Angela Park, Coordinator, Sustainable Communities, President’s Council on Sustainable Development; Andrew Norton, Representative, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING EXPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: On February 22, the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Exports, Growth and Jobs—Reauthorizing Federal Export Assistance Programs. Testimony was heard from Ruth Harkin, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Timothy Hauser, Acting Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 26 through March 2, 1996

Senate Chamber

On Monday, Senator Akaka will read Washington's Farewell Address.

On Tuesday, Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to complete consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, and consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 1996, for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: February 27, closed business meeting, to consider certain pending military nominations, 10 a.m., SR-222.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to review the role of the Department of Defense Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 27, to hold hearings to examine rail safety, focusing on the recent AMTRAK and MARC train accident in Maryland, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: February 28, to resume hearings on the bipartisan National Governors’ Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, focusing on the Administration’s views, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 27, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the ban on United States travel to Lebanon, 2 p.m., SD-419.
Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: February 28, to resume hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 17, 28, and 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, on congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

February 27, 28, and 29, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives, 1:30 p.m., H–144 Capitol.

February 27, 28 and 29, Subcommittee on Transportation, on congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Interior, on Indian Programs (public witnesses), 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., B–308 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Economic Committee and Capitol Police Board, 9:30 a.m., and on Congressional Budget Office, Architect of the Capitol, and Botanic Garden, 1:30 p.m., H–144 Capitol.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Marsh Task Force, 9:30 a.m., B–300 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Committee on Taxation and GAO, 9:30 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

February 29, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life in the Military, 9:30 a.m., B–300 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, February 27, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Counterfeiting of U.S. Currency Abroad, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, hearing on proposals for Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

February 28, full Committee, to consider pending Committee business, 9:45 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Threat that Organized Criminal Groups Pose to the International Banking System, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on Rural Credit, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, February 27, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on Electricity: State of the States, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 27, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Need for FDA Reform, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 2967, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing and markup of the SEC Reauthorization Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Cancer Patient Access to Unapproved Treatments, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing on the Public Broadcasting Self-Sufficiency Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.


Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 26, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Using the Best Practices of Information Technology in Government, 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.


February 29, full Committee, hearing on Census 2000: Putting Our Money Where It Counts, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, February 27, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on worldwide persecution of Jews, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Haiti: After The Departure of the U.S. Contingent from UNMIH, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 27 and 28, oversight hearings on Health Care Reform Issues: Antitrust, Medical Malpractice Liability, and Volunteer Liability; and a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2925, Antitrust Health Care Advancement Act of 1996; H.R. 911, Volunteer Protection Act; and H.R. 2938, Charitable Medical Care Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.


February 29, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing and markup of H.J. Res. 129, granting consent of Congress to the Vermont-New Hampshire Interstate Public Water Supply Compact; and to mark up the following: H.R. 2604, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1995, and a measure to reauthorize the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, February 28, hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.
February 29, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the F-14 safety record, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, February 26, hearing on H.R. 497, National Gaming Impact and Policy Commission Act, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth.


Committee on Rules, February 27, to consider the following: H.R. 2854, Agricultural Market Transition Act; and Budget Views and Estimates, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, February 28, hearing on Allocating Federal Funds for Science and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on National Weather Service Modernization Program Status, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 28, hearing on small business' access to capital, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 27 and 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearings on the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on Airport Privatization, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 28, to mark up the following: H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina be entitled to certain tax benefits; and H.R. 2853, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Bulgaria, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 29, hearing to review the current financial condition of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint hearing: February 28, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, February 28, to hold a briefing on the forthcoming elections in Bosnia and the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, February 26

Program for Monday: Senator Akaka will read Washington's Farewell Address.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 27

Program for Tuesday: Legislative program to be announced later.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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