

Wednesday, March 1, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

House passed regulatory reform and relief bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3305–S3309

Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 20, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–23).

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Transmitting the 13th annual report of the Department of Energy; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–24).

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Messages From the President:

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Additional Statements:

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 10:22 a.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, March 2, 1995.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—CFTC/FCA/FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Marsha P. Martin, Chairman, Farm Credit Administration; and David A. Kessler, Commissioner, Food

and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 8.

APPROPRIATIONS—STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of State, receiving testimony from Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 7.

APPROPRIATIONS—ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for energy and water development, focusing on Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, and Kenneth E. Baker, Acting Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, both of the Department of Energy; and Harold Smith, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 14.

APPROPRIATIONS—NEA/NEH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Jane Alexander, Chairperson, National Endowment for the Arts; and Sheldon Hackney, Chairperson, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 8.

AIRLINE COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings to review the recommendations of the National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry, after receiving testimony from Gerald L. Baliles, Hunton and Williams, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry.

AUTHORIZATION—SPACE PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the space programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, France Cordova, Chief Scientist, Malcolm Peterson, Deputy Comptroller, Wesley Harris, Associate Administrator for Aeronautics, and Charles Kennel, Associate Administrator for Mission to Planet Earth, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Air and Space Commercialization, Department of Commerce; and Frank Weaver, Director, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, Department of Transportation.

ALASKA POWER ADMINISTRATION SALE ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Committee concluded hearings on S. 395, to provide for the sale of Alaska Power Administration assets, and to allow exports of Alaska North Slope crude oil when carried on United States flag vessels, after receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; Representative Thomas; William H. White, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Alaska Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, and Howard Marlowe, Coalition to Keep Alaska Oil, both of Juneau; California Secretary of the Resources Agency Douglas Wheeler, and Jerry Hoffman, California Independent Petroleum Association, both of Sacramento; Michael Sacco, Seafarers International Union of North America (AFL-CIO), Camp Springs, Maryland; George Alcorn, Alcorn Exploration, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America; Linda L. Adamany, BP Oil Shipping Company, USA, Cleveland, Ohio; Peter Sutton, Tosco Corp., Stamford, Connecticut; David Lohman, Port of Portland, Portland, Oregon; and Tom Jones, Shipbuilders Council of America, Jacksonville, Florida.

FOREST HEALTH PROTECTION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 391, to protect and restore the health of Federal forest lands, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Maitland Sharpe, Assistant Director for Resource Assessment and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Thomas M. Bonnicksen, Texas A&M University, College Station; James E. Hubbard, Fort Collins, Colorado, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Arthur D. Partridge, University of Idaho, Moscow; Dominick A. DellaSala, World Wildlife Fund, R. Neil Sampson, American Forests, Brock Evans, National Audubon Society, and Steven P. Quarles, Crowell and Moring, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Mark Simmons, Western Council of Industrial Workers/United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Elgin, Oregon; and John Osborn, Inland Empire Public Lands Council, Spokane, Washington.

SOLID WASTE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION AND FLOW CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works. Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control and Risk Assessment concluded hearings on proposals to authorize State and local governments to enact flow control laws and to regulate the interstate transportation of solid waste, including S. 398 and S. 465, after receiving testimony from Senators Coats and Cohen; Representatives Pallone and Christopher Smith; New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whithman, Trenton; Edward C. Farrell, New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials, Albany; Randy Johnson, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Jonathan H. Adler, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Micah S. Green, Public Securities Association, and Michael O. Roush, National Federation of Independent Business, all of Washington, D.C.; Anthony F. Ciofalo, Allied Waste Industries, Scottsdale, Arizona, on behalf of the National Solid Wastes Management Association; and Allen Hershkowitz, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Committee on Finance. Committee held hearings on proposals to change the Social Security earnings limit and repeal the tax on 85% of Social Security benefits, receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Representative Hastert; Robert J. Myers, former

Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration; Department of Health and Human Services; Bruce Bartlett, National Center for Policy Analysis, Dallas, Texas; Martha McSteen, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Washington, D.C.; and Derooy Murdock, Third Millennium, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

START II TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee continued hearings on the Treaty Between the United States and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II Treaty) signed at Moscow on January 3, 1993, including the following documents, which are integral parts thereof: the Elimination and Conversion Protocol; the Exhibitions and Inspections Protocol; and the Memorandum of Attribution (Treaty Doc. 103-1), receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings on the impact of welfare reform and work requirements on the child care system, receiving testimony from Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Sandra L. Hofferth, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Deborah A. Phillips, Director, Board on Children and Families, National Research Council; Patricia Siegel, California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, San Francisco; Robert I. Lerman, American University, Washington, D.C.; Claudia Langguth, Tonn and Associates, Austin, Texas; Judith Rosen, Fairfax County Office for Children, Fairfax, Virginia; and Tamara Elser, Fair Haven, Vermont.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

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 Wednesday, March 8.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty public bills, H.R. 1088-1107; one private bill, H.R. 1108; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 71-72 and H. Res. 102, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 988, to reform the Federal civil justice system, amended (H. Rept. 104-62); and

H.R. 917, to establish procedures for product liability actions, amended (H. Rept. 104-63, Pt. I).

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Speaker appointed the following Member as a member on the part of the House of the United States delegation of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group for the first session of the 104th Congress: Representative Kolbe, Chairman.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Energy: Message wherein he transmits the 13th annual report of the Department of Energy, which

covers the years 1992 and 1993—referred to the Committee on Commerce;

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National security strategy: Message wherein he transmits a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security; and

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Transportation: Message wherein he transmits the annual report of the Department of Transportation, which covers fiscal year 1993—referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Federal Agency Rulemaking: By a ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 187, the House passed H.R. 926, to promote regulatory flexibility and enhance public participation in Federal agency rulemaking.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed To:

The Ewing amendment that extends the filing deadline for judicial review from 180 days to one year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 yeas to 5 noes, Roll No. 184);

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