

Friday, March 31, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4961–S5023

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 657–659 and S. Res. 98. Page S4993

FEMA Supplemental Appropriations/Rescissions: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Hatfield Amendment No. 420, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4966–74

D'Amato Amendment No. 427 (to Amendment No. 420), to require Congressional approval of aggregate annual assistance to any foreign entity using the Exchange Stabilization Fund established under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code, in an amount that exceeds \$5 billion. Page S4966

Murkowski/D'Amato Amendment No. 441 (to Amendment No. 427), of a perfecting nature. Page S4966

Daschle Amendment No. 445 (to Amendment No. 420), in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4966–74

Dole (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 446 (to Amendment No. 445), in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4969–74

Self-Employed Health Insurance Tax Credit—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and to repeal the provisions permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission. Pages S4974–80

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, April 3, 1995. Page S4979

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michele Driscoll Alioto, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1996.

Wiley Y. Daniel, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Tommy Edward Jewell III, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1995.

Tommy Edward Jewell III, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 1998.

Diane P. Wood, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 2:52 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, April 3, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S4981.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

1995 FARM BILL—AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural

programs, focusing on current and future credit concerns of rural America and the Farmers Home Administration's management of its direct and guaranteed farm loan programs and of farm properties obtained as a result of defaults on Federal loans, receiving testimony from Eugene Moos, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Maureen Kennedy, Administrator, Rural Housing and Community Development Division; Grant B. Buntrock, Acting Administrator, Consolidated Farm Services Agency; and Lou Anne Kling, Deputy Administrator for Farm Credit, all of the Department of Agriculture; John W. Harman, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, and Andrew Finkel and Robert Robertson, both Evaluators, all of the General Accounting Office; Jerold L. Harris, Farm Credit Bank of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas; Darcy L. Myers, Norwest Bank, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the

American Bankers Association; Mark Drabenstott, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri; John R. Price, Chemical Bank, New York, New York; Eric P. Thor, Arizona State University, Tempe; and Nancy L. Thompson, Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 4.

APPROPRIATIONS—VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Russell Mank, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, James Magill, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Carroll Williams, American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 5.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. It will meet next at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3.

Committee Meetings

GUN LAWS: THE RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on Gun Laws, Part 1: the Right to Self-Defense. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 3 through 8, 1995

Senate Chamber

On Monday, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the Conference Report on H.R. 831, Self-Employed Health Insurance Tax Credit.

During the *balance of the week*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1158, making additional supplemental appropriations and rescissions, and consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

(The official photo of the Senate will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at 2:15 p.m., in the Senate Chamber.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 4, to resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on market effects of Federal farm policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 3 and 6, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Monday, for the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Personnel Management, 2 p.m.; Thursday, for the Department of the Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget, 2 p.m.; Monday in SD-138 and Thursday in SD-116.

April 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Kirtland Air Force Base closure in New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-116.

April 4 and 6, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Tuesday, for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy programs, 9:30 a.m.; SD-106.

April 5 and 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Wednesday, for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 9:30 a.m.;