

*Tuesday, April 25, 1995*

# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5619–S5682*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 722–725. Page S5664

**Measures Passed:**

***Condemning Oklahoma City Bombing:*** By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 133), Senate agreed to S. Res. 110, expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Page S5638

***Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 421, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for the purchase of common stock of Cook Inlet Region, clearing the measure for the President. Page S5682

***Product Liability Fairness Act:*** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S5638–59

Pending:

(1) Gorton Amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute. Page S5638

(2) Abraham Amendment No. 597 (to Amendment No. 596), to provide for equity in legal fees. Pages S5653–54

(3) Hollings Amendment No. 598 (to Amendment No. 597), to establish a limitation on attorneys' fees in all civil actions to \$50 per hour. Page S5657

(4) Gorton (for Brown) Amendment No. 599 (to Amendment No. 596), to restore to rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure the restrictions on frivolous legal actions that existed prior to 1994. Page S5663

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Hollings Amendment No. 598 and Abraham Amendment No. 597, listed above, with votes to occur thereon, on Wednesday, April 26. Page S5663

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, April 26, 1995.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Mosina H. Jordan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic.

Lannon Walker, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Terence T. Evans, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

William A. Fletcher, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Sandra J. Kristoff, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Page S5682

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total–133) Page S5638

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 8:21 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S5682.)

### *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE**

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board and the Department of Energy's environmental management program, receiving testimony from Thomas P. Grumbly, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management; John T. Conway, Chairman, and Jack Crawford, Member,

both of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; and Robert W. Galvin and Henry W. Kendall, both on behalf of the "Galvin" Task Force on Alternative Futures for the Department of Energy National Laboratories, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 454, to reform the health care liability system and improve health care quality through the establishment of quality assurance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Harriet M. Zimmerman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1995

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for energy conservation, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for fossil energy, clean coal technology, Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and the Naval Petroleum Reserve, 10:15 a.m., SD-116.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume oversight hearings on the U.S. Forest Service land management planning process, focusing on the coordination of and conflicts between Federal forest management and general environmental statutes, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* to resume hearings to examine welfare reform proposals, focusing on programs for children, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold hearings on the nomination of John M. Deutch, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.