

Friday, May 5, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6193–S6226

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 761 and 762. Page S6202

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 S6198, S6225–26

Pending:

(1) Gorton Amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute. Page S6198

(2) Coverdell/Dole Amendment No. 690 (to Amendment No. 596), in the nature of a substitute. Page S6225

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 690, listed above, and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, May 8, 1995. Page S6225

A second motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 690, listed above, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the second cloture motion could occur on Tuesday, May 9, 1995. Page S6225

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, May 8, 1995. Page S6226

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Treaty with Panama on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, with two provisos (Treaty Doc. 102–15). (Exec. Rept. 104–3) Page S6202

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed Senators Grassley and Hutchison as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, May 11–22, 1995. Page S6225

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John W. Carlin, of Kansas, to be Archivist of the United States.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 1995.

Robert F. Rider, of Delaware, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2004. Page S6226

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 3:53 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, May 8, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S6226.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare Program, receiving testimony from Frank Reilly, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, IRM–HEHS Group, General Accounting Office; Steve Pelovitz, Associate Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Nancy Boyer, Equifax Analytical Services, Inc., Fairport, New York; John T. Kelly, GMIS Incorporated, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and Leroy Henrich, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon, Portland.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 11.

AUTHORIZATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on S. 727, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996, focusing on the implications of the revolution

in military affairs, receiving testimony from Adm. William A. Owens, USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Andrew W. Marshall, Director, Net Assessment, Department of Defense; and Andrew Krepinevich, Defense Budget Project, and Daniel Gouré, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 17.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April, receiving testimony from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 8 through 13, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 956, Product Liability Fairness Act.

During *the balance of the week*, Senate expects to continue consideration of H.R. 956, Product Liability Fairness Act, and may consider S. 534, Interstate Transportation of Municipal Solid Waste; S. 652, Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act; conference reports, when available; and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 9, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 9, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on National Guard and Reserve programs, 9:45 a.m., SD-192.

May 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for military construction programs, focusing on the Navy and Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 11, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 11, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Thursday, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m.; for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 1 p.m.; Thursday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m., SD-116.

May 11, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., SR-325.

May 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine access to abortion clinics, 2 p.m., SD-138.

May 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing supplemental appropriations for disaster assistance for the Oklahoma City bombing, 2 p.m., SD-608.

May 12, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, and