

Wednesday, May 17, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 811–816, S. Res. 120 and 121, and S. Con. Res. 14. **Page S6802**

Measures Reported: Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1995”. (S. Rept. No. 104–84) **Page S6802**

Measures Passed:

Committee to Investigate Whitewater: By 96 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 171), Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, establishing a special committee administered by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to conduct an investigation involving Whitewater Development Corporation, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association, Capital Management Services, Inc, the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, and other related matters. **Pages S6771–84**

Extended Use of Medicare Selected Policies: Senate passed H.R. 483, to amend title XVII of the Social Security Act to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Chafee (for Packwood/Chafee/Rockefeller/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1108, in the nature of a substitute.

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Support of Angola: Senate agreed to S. Res. 121, congratulating the people of Angola for the courageous and determined steps their leaders have taken in support of peace. **Pages S6835–36**

Congressional Budget—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, on Thursday, May 18, 1995, at 12 Noon. **Page S6836**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—171) **Page S6784**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and recessed at 6:10 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 18, 1995. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s RECORD on page S6836.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

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 Legal Services Corporation, receiving testimony from Alex Forger, President, Doug Eakeley, Board Chairman, and John Broderick, Board Member, all of the Legal Services Corporation; Melville Miller, New Jersey Legal Services, Trenton; Nathan Bowles, West Virginia Legal Services, Charleston; John Robb, New Mexico Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Services, Santa Fe; Chip Mellor, Institute for Justice, and David Keene, American Conservative Union, both of Washington, D.C.; and other public witnesses.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Park Service, receiving testimony from George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Mary Ann Lawler, Director, Office of Budget, and Roger G. Kennedy, Director, John J. Reynolds, Deputy Director, C. Bruce

Sheaffer, Comptroller, and Denis P. Galvin, Associate Director, Planning and Development, all of the National Park Service, all of the Department of the Interior.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 24.

NAPA REPORT ON EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings to examine the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) report on the effectiveness of the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Peter Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, General Accounting Office; former Representative Don Ritter, on behalf of the National Environmental Policy Institute; Mayor Gregory Lashutka, Columbus, Ohio; Jonathan Howes, North Carolina Department of the Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Raleigh, on behalf of the NAPA Project Panel; David Sonstegard, 3M Corporation, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mary Gade, Illinois State Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield, on behalf of the Environmental Council of States; and William Roberts, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, May 19.

START II TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the national security implications of United States ratification of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START II) (Treaty Doc. 103-1), receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary for Policy, Lt. Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Col. Max Harshman, Chief, START INS Division, On-Site Inspection Agency, all of the Department of Defense.

Committee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology resumed hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, focusing on dual-use technology programs, receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; David Cooper, Director, Acquisition Policy, Technology and Competitiveness Issues, General Accounting Office; and Robert J. Hermann, United Technologies Corporation, Hartford, Connecticut.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: On Tuesday, May 16, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed open and closed hearings on S. 727, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy weapons activities, non-proliferation and national security programs, receiving testimony from Charles B. Curtis, Under Secretary, Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, Kenneth E. Baker, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Siegfried S. Hecker, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Roger Hagengruber, Vice President for Defense Programs, Sandia National Laboratories, all of the Department of Energy; and Harold P. Smith, Jr., Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 18.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the fiscal solvency of Medicare and the status of the program's delivery of health care services, focusing on methods to preserve and improve the Medicare program, after receiving testimony from former Senator Rudman, on behalf of the Concord Coalition, Richard J. Davidson, American Hospital Association, and Eugene I. Lehrmann, American Association of Retired Persons, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nancy W. Dickey, Richmond, Texas, on behalf of the American Medical Association.

AUTHORIZATION—STATE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize funds for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to reorganize certain functions of the Department of State.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH REORGANIZATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to reorganize the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, receiving testimony from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Alice M. Rivlin, Director, and John Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, both of the Office of Management and Budget; R. Scott Fosler and Alan L. Dean, both of the National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.; Andrew Foster, The Audit Commission, United Kingdom; Paul C. Light, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and Robert S. Gilmour, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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, May 24.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 1654–1666; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 88, H. Con. Res. 68, and H. Res. 152 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 151, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–126).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5085

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 41 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 338, the House approved the Journal of Tuesday May 16.

Pages H5106–07

Line Item Veto: House passed S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority.

Pages H5090–97

Agreed to the Clinger motion to strike out all after the enacting clause of S. 4 and insert the language of H.R. 2 as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

Pages H5090–94

H. Res. 147 was laid on the table. Page H5097

Regulatory Transition Act: House passed S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions.

Pages H5097–H5106

Agreed to the Clinger motion to strike out all after the enacting clause of S. 219 and insert the language of H.R. 450 as passed the House.

Pages H5097–H5102

H. Res. 148 was laid on the table. Page H5106

Late Report: Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight on Thursday, May 18, to file a report on H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the

Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

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Budget: House completed all general debate on H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 18.

Pages H5107–17, H5118–86

H. Res. 149, the rule under which the concurrent resolution is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 255 yeas to 168 noes, Roll No. 340. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 339.

Pages H5107–17

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5191–H5230.

Quorum Calls—Votes. Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5106–07, H5116–17, and H5117. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Bomber Modernization. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; Gen. John M. Loh, USAF, Commander, Air Combat Command; and officials of the RAND Corporation.