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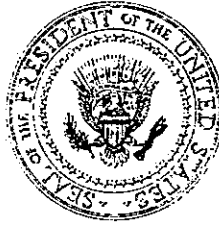
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98to Phil Brady

From : GB

Re: Medal of Freedom.

It is suggested that Leon Sullivan of Philadelphia be considered for the Medal. He is losing a battle with Leukemia, I am told.

Check around and see if others are as high on him as I am.

Please ~~adv~~ise asap.

gb

GB

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ms. Jeanne Tower Cox
3811 Turtle Creek Boulevard
Suite 710
Dallas, Texas 75219



THE PRESIDENT

May 13 '91

Dear Jeanne,

I loved the tribute "Dad"
that you sent me. It brought back
so many happy memories of your
Dad, my friend. I hope the hurt
is beginning to heal; and that

you'll hear only Pook's laughter
and feel only your Dad's
love.

My love to your Mom
and your sister.
We care, we really do.

Ag Bush

bcc: Bridget Montagne ✓

ENTIRE PACKAGE

The family of
Marian Goodwin Tower
and
John Goodwin Tower
appreciates the love and support
of our friends; you have been a great
comfort to us

"Those who live in the Lord
never see each other for the
last time"

of Poetry and Mirth, which I have enclosed.

Many thanks for being such good and loyal friends to Dad.

Warmest regards,
Jeanne Anne Cox
(Jeanne)

Personal
reply?
Dear President and Mrs. Bush —

Thank you for your friendship over all these years - And thank you for being with us to honor Mom and Dad here in Dallas.

My grandmother wrote eloquently for and about her own father and that poem is fitting for me and my father. It is on page 60

Dad -
Father, Teacher, Statesman. British scholar,
lover of books, poetry, scripture. Man
of dignity, honor and principle. Brilliant
orator, sentimental, emotional reader of
Tavis letter. Man of Texas, defender of
freedom, brave, strong Dad. Wonderful
sense of humor. Loved Jazzy, big band
music, dinner at The Mansion, tangles
at home. Dignified and British in
appearance, Texan and country at heart.

Poor -
Beautiful, intelligent, loving,
generous, kind and gentle,
Poor. Funny, delightfully
interesting, Poor. Rich in
her enjoyment of life. Always
giving. Non-judgemental.
Accepting of all. loved
flowers and beautiful things;
love of children and animals.
The most thoughtful state
and friend. What a honor,
a joy and privilege to be
on this earth with you,
wonderful poor.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
#10200
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590



THE PRESIDENT

5-15-91

Sam -
I loved your defense
of the V.P.
No problem on the
clipping! GB

bcc: SUNUNU
HOLIDAY

MONTAGNE ✓

(in and out)

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

5-15-91

Mr. President

So I got carried away. Next time I will leave out "Including George Bush". I think the Press

Knows they have been unfair so maybe things will sign off to a lower pitch.

P.S. you still are
The Greatest Plaintiff since Lincoln. Sam

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1991

The Washington Times

Dan's his man

Well, it wasn't praise from the skies, but it was sure enough praise to the skies. Transportation Secretary Sam Skinner said yesterday that Vice President Dan Quayle

— "has had more impact on foreign and domestic policy than any vice president, including George Bush, in my lifetime." Mr. Skinner said the "test of Vice President Quayle is how he handles an unbelievable barrage of unfair publicity. And I think he sets an example, a very good example, of how to handle unfair adversity."

Mr. Skinner and Mr. Quayle are occasional golfing partners.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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May 15, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: RONALD C. KAUFMAN *RCU*
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS

DAVID M. CARNEY *DMC*
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

FROM: CATHY HUTCHINSON *CH*
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Republicans won three legislative special elections yesterday, with a net pick up of one assembly seat. Your signature on endorsement letters for Tim Leslie and Dean Andal greatly assisted their efforts, and significantly contributed to their victories. These victories will give Governor Wilson the necessary one-third votes to guarantee that his veto can not be over-ridden.

In Senate District 35 (Orange County), Republican Assemblyman John Lewis defeated Democrat Francis Hoffman. This seat was vacated by the appointment of John Seymour (R) to the U.S. Senate. In Senate District 1 (Sacramento), Republican Assemblyman Tim Leslie defeated Democrat Patti Mattingly. The seat was previously held by John Doolittle (R), who was recently elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In Assembly District 26 (Stockton), Republican Dean Andal defeated Democrat Patti Garamendi. Andal will succeed Patrick Johnston (D) who resigned after being elected to the State Senate.

The following are the election returns from yesterday's special election.

Senate District 1:

John Lewis (R)	35,027	67.5%
Francis Hoffman (D)	13,871	26.7%

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION
PAGE TWO

Senate District 35:

Tim Leslie (R)	64,257	54.7%
Patti Mattingly (D)	50,585	43%

Assembly District 26:

Dean Andal (R)	27,955	56%
Patti Garamendi (D)	20,727	41.5%

With the victories of Tim Leslie and John Lewis, Governor Wilson will now need to call a special election to fill these two Assembly seats.

MAY 15, 1991

THROUGH: SHIRLEY M. GREEN
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: DIAN MOORE *[Signature]*
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL INQUIRIES

SUBJECT: REPORT, MAY 1 - MAY 14, 1991

The Comments Office received a total of 12,769 calls during this period, making a total of 129,109 since January 20, 1991. 636 calls were requests for Presidential greetings; 249 calls were referred to other federal, state and local government offices; 439 were of a personal or nonsubstantive nature and 356 requested information which we were able to provide: 314 favorables for the President and 78 negatives, 43 favorables for Mrs. Bush. The major issues were:

	<u>PRO</u>	<u>CON</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Brady Gun Bill	344	3,340	3,684
HR 1412-Staggers Gun Bill	1,874	70	1,944
Spotted Owl Reserve	56	1,163	1,219
Concern for Potus health	1,120	0	1,120
Support for Vice-President	367	210	577
Marilyn Quayle at Birmingham College	1	331	332
Family Leave Bill	260	26	286
POTUS must focus on domestic issues	182	0	182
Support Israel/Settlements	28	142	170
Governor Sununu travel	16	147	163
Freedom of Choice Bill	17	117	134
U.N. Children's Treaty	8	110	118
Vice-President's golf trip	16	97	113
Press briefings/speeches	33	26	59
Secretary Baker's mid-east trip	47	8	55
Miscellaneous	-	-	2,302

During this period our office assigned 64 volunteers to the First Lady's offices, 173 volunteers to offices throughout correspondence and the Visitors Office. The Greetings Office received 17,160 pieces of incoming mail and mailed the following:

Birthdays	14,213	Retirement	7
Anniversaries	3,592	Graduation	1,010
100th Birthdays	519	Eagle Scouts	825
Joyous Occasion	18	Photographs	187
Girl Scouts	261	Condolence	25
Marriage	639	Birth	148
First Lady Mail	305	Religious	38
Illness	35	Miscellaneous	95
Support GO-1	1,885	Prayer GO-7	365
Desert Storm GO-8	165	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>24,332</u>

Since January 20, 1991, Greetings addressed and mailed 197,374 pieces of correspondence.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SHIRLEY GREEN *mg*

SUBJECT: Mail Summary, May 8 through May 14, 1991

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Presidential	49,715	Year to Date	940,964
Staff	<u>3,841</u>	" " "	<u>58,792</u>
WEEK TOTAL	53,556	YEAR TOTAL	999,756

TOP ISSUES OF THE WEEK

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Cum.Total(Pro/Con/Comments)</u>
Concerns Regarding the President's Health	0	0	3,279	0/0/4,825
H.R.7, Brady Bill Gun Control Legislation	455	1,547	344	1,207/3,989/401
Urge U.S. Intervention in Iraq's Internal Affairs	1,623	75	268	6,594/206/515
Family and Medical Leave Act	424	4	5	424/4/5
Desert Storm Cease Fire	338	49	72	11,085/535/2,902

PROPAGANDA MAIL

WEEK TOTAL	28,152
Major Issue:	Con: Brady Bill
Volume:	26,252

CORRESPONDENCE PROCESSED

Presidential (Week Total)	53,610
Year to Date	931,861

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

May 15, 1991 ^{91 MAY 15} PH 6:45 *CB*

To: The President
From: Mike Boskin *mb*
Re: April Housing Starts and other
information

Decent news. First, initial claims for state unemployment insurance stayed down for the second week in a row after a long run of increases.

Second, housing starts increased 6.2 percent in April. However, building permits fell slightly. Also, the preliminary May consumer confidence survey by the University of Michigan showed another small decline (it soared in March following the war, but has declined about half way back to the February level).

For the Queen's sake, as well as yours and Eli's, I hope it is a good game tonight.

Michael J. Boskin
Chairman

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON

May 15, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. BOSKIN *mb*

SUBJECT: April Housing Starts, Commerce Department Release,
Tomorrow Morning, 8:30 a.m.

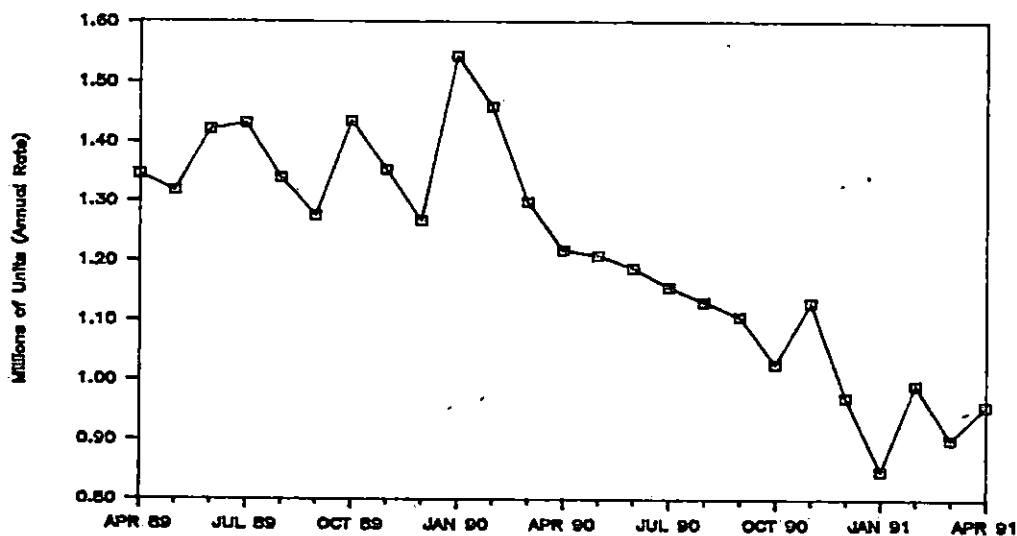
Housing starts rose 6.2 percent in April, to an annual rate of 957,000 units. April's increase, the second since January, matched private predictions. Despite the rise, starts were 21 percent below April 1990.

Single-family starts rose 5.7 percent in April, after falling 6.6 percent in March. Multi-family starts rose 8.5 percent in April. Overall starts were up in three of the four major regions of the country. Starts fell 2 percent in the Northeast, and rose very slightly in the South. Starts jumped more than 25 percent in the West in April, after falling 12 percent in March.

Building permits -- often an indicator of future start activity -- fell 3 percent in April after rising in March and February. Single-family permits rose slightly, but permits were down 23 percent for structures with 5 or more units. Permits were up in the Northeast and South, but fell in the Midwest and West.

The graph below shows that housing starts had fallen substantially from January 1990 through January 1991. Since then starts have been on an upward trend.

HOUSING STARTS





News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1991
6:00 a.m. EDT EDITION

NATIONAL NEWS

Civil Rights Bill/House -- House leaders, attempting to veto-proof a controversial civil rights proposal, are crafting a modified version of the bill that embraces language tentatively approved by the Business Roundtable, a coalition of 200 major corporations, according to congressional and civil rights sources. (Newsday)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Queen Says Her Visit Reaffirms British-U.S. Ties -- Queen Elizabeth II, at a state dinner in her honor, praised President Bush for his leadership during the Gulf War. (UPI)

Secret Soviet Deal Could Snag U.S. Grain Credits -- A reported secret deal between President Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin may be complicating a decision on whether to grant \$1.5 billion in grain credits to the Soviet Union, U.S. government sources said Tuesday. (Journal of Commerce)

Hispanics Protest Labor Ads -- Major Hispanic-American groups are turning against the Democratic Party for opposing a U.S.-Mexican free trade agreement and are accusing the AFL-CIO of mounting a racist ad campaign against the proposed pact. (Washington Times)

NETWORK NEWS (Tuesday evening)

CIA -- Administration sources say Robert Gates was President Bush's only choice for the CIA post.

ECONOMY -- Consumer prices in April rose a very modest 0.2 percent.

MIDEAST PEACE -- Secretary Baker's bid to forge a Middle East peace may be drawing to an end.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS...A-8

NETWORK NEWS.....B-1

NATIONAL NEWS

GATES NOMINATED TO HEAD THE CIA Senate Expected To Raise Iran-Contra

President Bush Tuesday named deputy national security adviser Gates to head the CIA and said he had "no qualms at all" about the nomination reopening questions about the Iran-contra affair.

Bush cited Gates's "background of professionalism, dedication and integrity" during the past two and a half years he has served at the White House and the more than 20 years he spent moving up at the CIA. The President said White House officials had held preliminary talks with members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence...and pronounced himself "very, very pleased with the way they have gone.... All will be well."

Gates's nomination...received generally favorable reviews in the Senate Tuesday. But key members of both parties said the nominee's knowledge of the Iran-contra affair would be scrutinized by the intelligence panel as well as the Senate....

Sen. Specter...said Tuesday that Gates's role in preparing William Casey's testimony remained a "relevant factor" in judging how he would perform as director of central intelligence.... However, Specter and others on Capitol Hill said Gates's nomination this time should not serve as a springboard to reopening either the Iran-contra investigation or exploring...allegations that Bush and Casey negotiated a secret arms-for-hostages deal in 1980....

The strongest opposition to Gates was voiced Tuesday by Sen. Metzenbaum.... Another Democrat on the intelligence committee, Sen. DeConcini, said he is eager to explore with Gates his knowledge of the Iran-contra affair and his role in preparing "testimony that was untruthful."... "People want to put [the Iran-contra scandal] away," he said, however....

"To use it (the nomination) as an excuse to open a new area of inquiry, I wouldn't be in favor of it," said Sen. Nunn.

(Ann Devroy & Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A1)

Gates/Senate

...Many of the 15 members of the Senate Intelligence Committee...said in interviews that their initial inclination is to support Gates. But others, notably Sens. Metzenbaum and Bradley, said that "serious questions" remain....

"We deserve to give his nomination a thorough look," said Bradley, adding that another issue is "where he will take the agency."...

Sen. Murkowski said he expected Democrats to use the hearings to resurrect the Iran-contra affair. "Some will see if they can milk any more out of this, but I don't think they can," he said.

(Myron Waldman & Gaylord Shaw, Newsday)

Bush Nominates Security Adviser Gates As CIA Chief

...Before the President announced his decision, his most senior aides -- National Security Adviser Scowcroft and Chief of Staff Sununu -- consulted with key senators, among them Sens. Boren and Murkowski. Bush said he was "very, very pleased" with the results, and a White House aide reported: "They've both been thumbs up on it."...

However, one key Republican senator, Warren Rudman, has called for careful review of Gates's testimony on the Iran-contra affair before the Senate Intelligence Committee on Dec. 4, 1986.

"There were serious questions about whether he was entirely candid with the committee about what he knew," Rudman said, although he added: "I don't think anything in the record indicates Gates was a participant in the events leading up to Iran-contra."

(James Gerstenzang & Sara Fritz, Los Angeles Times, A1)

Iran-Contra Issue Not Expected To Derail Gates Nomination

Robert Gates...appears likely to win easy confirmation -- an indication that the Iran-contra arms and money affair has run out as a political issue....

"He's pretty well-liked up here" on Capitol Hill, said Sen. DeConcini. "He's friendly. He makes a good impression."...

Sen. Cranston noted that he had explored Iran-contra questions in the context of President Bush's nomination of Donald Gregg to be ambassador to South Korea. "The evidence was very strong" against Gregg, he said, but added: "From what we know now, Gates' role seems to have been much more ambiguous." (Jim Drinkard, AP)

Bush Nominates Gates To Head CIA

...One congressional aide said he doubted that the hearings would uncover a "smoking gun" that would derail Gates' nomination.

"Four years ago, the Iran-contra story was just beginning to be told and no one knew what we would find out about Bob Gates," the aide said. "Now there may be some questions about his conduct, but there shouldn't be an unknown smoking gun coming out."

(Stephen Kurkjian, Boston Globe)

Gates Nomination Signals Bush Has Put Iran-Contra Affair Behind Him

President Bush's selection of Robert Gates to head the CIA signals that the President is unafraid of inviting a freewheeling congressional investigation into the Iran-contra affair.

(Michael Shanahan, Newhouse)

Congress Has More Iran-Contra Links To Gates This Time

Congress knew just enough about the Iran-contra scandal in 1987 to send Robert Gates' nomination as CIA director up in flames. Now Congress knows a lot more.

And that could raise embarrassing questions for Gates and the agency he hopes to -- and likely will -- lead. (Pete Yost, AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Gates Well-Steeped In Intelligence Community," by George Lardner Jr. & Walter Pincus, appears in The Washington Post, page A4.

ALEXANDER BOOK BLURB CITED AS ETHICS VIOLATION

Secretary Alexander inadvertently violated government ethics rules when his title was used in a "blurb" touting a new book by one of his longtime education advisers.

The author, Chester Finn Jr., and his publisher, The Free Press, said Tuesday they will comply with an Education Department request to change the wording of Alexander's identification on the cover of "We Must Take Charge" after the first run of 7,500 copies.
(James Brosnan, Scripps Howard)

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL/HOUSE

House leaders, attempting to veto-proof a controversial civil rights proposal, are crafting a modified version of the bill that embraces language tentatively approved by the Business Roundtable, a coalition of 200 major corporations, according to congressional and civil rights sources.

The changes being planned in the legislation, which would be offered on the House floor next week, are designed to broaden support.... "The concern is getting a strong enough showing that, if it's vetoed later..., you could realistically get a veto overridden," said one source close to the planning....

Tuesday, spokesmen for the Business Roundtable and for AT&T chairman Robert Allen, who led [their] negotiations [with civil rights leaders], said they had heard of efforts to modify the bill, but weren't aware of details. "All I know is that I heard something was afoot," said Roundtable spokesman Dick Anthony.

(Stephanie Saul, Newsday)

LEAVE BILL OPTION: NO GUARANTEES

Trying to head off a Democratic bill guaranteeing workers job protection after unpaid leaves for family emergencies, conservatives Tuesday promoted what they said was an alternative that strengthens families without burdening businesses.

Sen. Hatch and Rep. Stenholm said businesses should help workers cope with family crises -- but government shouldn't demand it.... Hatch's alternative: Give employees up to six years unpaid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, up to two years for a family illness. An employee would get preferential treatment in rehiring, but no guarantees.

Chamber of Commerce President Leshner, who supports the alternative, said 70% of businesses handle employee crises daily "without a new government law." (Leslie Phillips, USA Today, 4A)

HOUSE PANEL FORCES CHANGES IN SPENDING PLAN

Spending allocations by the House Appropriations Committee leadership will force significant cuts in the White House request for the space program and provide less for health and education programs than promised in last month's Democratic-backed budget resolution.

The figures are still subject to the approval of the full committee, but senior members gave their blessing at a closed-door meeting Tuesday and will begin drafting major bills as early as today for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

(David Rogers, Wall Street Journal, A16)

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**HOUSE PANEL REJECTS DEPOSIT INSURANCE CUTS
Narrow Vote, 18 To 17, May Be A Sign Of Difficulties Ahead**

Congress waded into the murky waters of deposit insurance reform Tuesday and demonstrated on the first vote why it is expected to be so difficult to reach agreement on the biggest revision of federal banking laws in half a century.

The first thing the House financial institutions subcommittee did was throw out the Bush Administration's plan to limit federal deposit insurance to two \$100,000 accounts per person per bank.

The vote, however, was 18 to 17, an ominous split foreshadowing the close calls that will have to be decided in order for House Banking Committee leaders to achieve their goal of completing work on the reform plan by this summer.

(Jerry Knight, Washington Post, G2)

WANING INFLATION MAY OFFER SIGN OF RECOVERY

Last year's wave of consumer price inflation is receding, opening the door to an economic recovery that a growing number of forecasters believe is about to begin.

Confirmation of the inflation retreat came Tuesday when the Labor Department reported that the consumer price index rose only 0.2 percent last month and at an annual rate of only 1.5 percent over the past three months....

There are some signs that the lower inflation is encouraging consumers to increase spending. (John Berry, Washington Post, G1)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Retail Sales Data Viewed As Sign That Economic Decline Is Halting," by Robert Hershey, appears in The New York Times, page A1.

**PRINCETON ECONOMIST IS FIRST CHOICE
TO JOIN BUSH PANEL OF ADVISERS**

David Bradford, a professor of economics at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, is the leading candidate to become a member of President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers.

(Wall Street Journal, A16)

PENTAGON LIKES LEGISLATION ON WOMEN IN COMBAT

The Defense Department considers a measure empowering the armed services to send women into combat a constructive step in advancing the role of women in the military, a Pentagon official said Tuesday.

However, Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams did not say whether Secretary Cheney would ever order the services to permit women to hold combat jobs even if the proposal granting such authority became law as part of the 1992 defense bill....

Williams said the Pentagon likes the proposal approved by the House Armed Services Committee last week because the final decisions would be made by the service branches, possibly on a case-by-case basis.

(Eliot Brenner, UPI)

KEY SENATOR OPENS DOOR TO COMPROMISE ON FUEL ECONOMY

In what appeared to be a first step toward compromise, the chairman of the Senate Energy Committee released estimates Tuesday that his energy bill would raise federal fuel-economy requirements for cars to 37 miles a gallon by 2006.

After months of refusing to discuss specific targets, Sen. Johnston disclosed estimates by committee analysts that his legislation would result in efficiency standards of 30.2 mpg by the 1996 model year, 34 mpg by 2001, and 37 mpg by 2006....

The bill establishes a formula under which the Transportation Department would take cost, feasibility, safety and economic factors into account in setting higher efficiency standards....

Johnston denied the estimates represented his opening bargaining position for negotiations with other senators who favor legislation setting bigger increases over the current federal standard.

(George Lobsenz, UPI)

REVISED DEFINITION WOULD DROP PROTECTION FOR 'DRY WETLANDS'

The EPA wants to change the government's official definition of "wetlands" in a way that critics say would improperly drop federal protection of millions of acres.

The EPA draft, made available to the AP by an Administration official on Tuesday, says the previous definition "grossly exaggerated" the country's real wetlands, in part with a loose requirement for how wet such land must be to qualify....

The Fish and Wildlife Service...objected to EPA's draft, complaining in a letter that it "clearly does not identify all wetlands that the service recognizes as wetlands."

Linda Winter, director of wetlands programs for the Izaak Walton League, a conservation group, said a scientifically sound definition "is being thrown out and ignored for political reasons." The result is likely to be that "whole groups of wetlands will be deleted," she said.

(Charles Campbell, AP)

Three U.S. Agencies Want To Loosen Wetland Curbs

Under pressure from farmers, home builders and lawmakers, three federal agencies Tuesday proposed allowing more development on millions of acres of...wetlands....

The EPA, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Agriculture [want to rescind rules issued two years ago defining wetlands].

(Keith Schneider, New York Times, A18)

ENVIRONMENTALISTS ATTACK PLAN FOR YELLOWSTONE WOLVES

Conservation groups say a plan to return endangered gray wolves to Yellowstone National Park is a blueprint for extermination, not protection.

Secretary Lujan was expected to forward the report from the Wolf Management Committee...to Congress -- possibly as early as today. But several conservation groups denounced the committee's draft proposals even as it continued to be reviewed by the Interior Department....

Interior spokesman Steve Goldstein...called the restoration report "preliminary."

(H. Josef Hebert, AP)

IMMIGRATION AGENCY REORGANIZATION PLAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

A long-awaited reorganization plan for the INS has been approved by House and Senate committees after months of debate, discussion and dissension between INS and the Justice Department.... The proposal was submitted earlier this month by Justice to the House and Senate appropriations committees and was quietly approved last week. (Jerry Seper, Washington Times, A4)

SOME QUESTION COST OF AIDS TRIP

The U.S. Public Health Service is sending 392 employees to the 7th International AIDS Conference in Florence, Italy, next month -- at a cost to taxpayers of \$1.55 million.

Paul Simmons, USPHS deputy assistant secretary for health communications, insists that both the number of people going to the conference and the cost are reasonable. "We're the world leaders on this thing (AIDS)," he said....

But some congressional critics and others questioned the size of the contingent and the expense. "It sounds like an astonishing number," said David Keating, vice president of the National Taxpayers Union. (Joyce Price, Washington Times, A1)

FDA PRESSES ATTACK ON FOOD CLAIMS

Procter & Gamble Co. Tuesday agreed to drop the picture of a heart and the phrase "No Cholesterol" from its bestselling Crisco corn oil, hours after the FDA warned the company the label was misleading to consumers. (Malcolm Gladwell, Washington Post, A1)

REPORT: FDA NEEDS MORE MONEY, POWER TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH

The FDA is stretched too thin and shackled by too much red tape to do its job correctly, a federal advisory panel reported Wednesday, adding the FDA needs more money, power and status within the federal bureaucracy to ensure it can protect public health.

But the 15-member advisory panel said it would be unrealistic to expect that FDA would receive a massive infusion of new money and stressed the agency's need to set priorities, streamline operations and improve management.

Sen. Kennedy, whose Labor and Human Resources Committee was holding a hearing on the report today, said it shows "we are living too close to the edge."... The FDA had no immediate comment on the report. (For 8 a.m. EDT release, Nancy Benac, AP)

CAMPAIGN SUBSIDY DIVIDES DEMOCRATS

Senate Democrats Tuesday split on the question of using tax dollars to help pay for congressional campaigns and their division could kill the idea when the Senate starts debating campaign finance reform. (J. Jennings Moss, Washington Times, A4)

Democrat Lights Into GOP On Campaign Finance Reform

The battle over campaign finance reform opened on a biting partisan note Tuesday, as a leading Democrat accused Republicans of working to prevent any major improvements in the system....

Sen. Kerry, who has co-sponsored a bill calling for public financing of elections, assailed the Republicans, saying: "They are actively moving in the wrong direction. They are an active force for the status quo and for defeating reform."...

At a Democratic Caucus meeting Tuesday, some conservative Democrats were said to be resisting some of the reforms. Republicans said they probably will not filibuster on the legislation but repeated that President Bush will veto any bill with spending limits and public financing.

(Michael Frisby, Boston Globe)

**PUNDITS GIVE DEMOCRATS LITTLE CHANCE
OF WINNING THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1992**

The Democrats survived the war in the Gulf, but their hopes of winning the White House seem more elusive than ever, The Wall Street Journal's panel of political experts says.

Even if Vice President Quayle is a drag on GOP fortunes, Democrats face daunting obstacles in preparing for 1992. "The problem for the Democrats, even more than not having a candidate, is not having anything for a candidate to say at the presidential level," says Democratic strategist Greg Schneiders.

But Republicans can count postwar disappointments, too. "It's a question of missed opportunities," says GOP strategist John Sears.

(James Perry, Wall Street Journal, A16)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Why Long Shots Run For President," by Dan Balz, appears in The Washington Post, page A1.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

QUEEN SAYS HER VISIT REAFFIRMS BRITISH-U.S. TIES

Queen Elizabeth II, at a state dinner in her honor, praised President Bush for his leadership during the Gulf War.

"The free world has to thank you for your clarity of vision and firmness of purpose," the queen said during the formal toasts at the White House dinner Tuesday night.

In his toast, the President touched on a theme that he raised earlier in the day, saying "bonds of friendship will endure to the end of time."

(Helen Thomas, UPI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Queen, Bush Get On Royally In White House Ceremonies," by Paul Bedard, appears in The Washington Times, page A3.

"Bush Welcomes Queen Elizabeth For 13-Day Visit," by Karen De Witt, appears in The New York Times, page A24.

"Hail, And Thunder, To The Queen," by Henry Allen, appears in The Washington Post, page B1.

CONGRESS PRESSURES BUSH ON MIDEAST ARMS CURBS President Moving 'Disappointingly Slowly'

Congress stepped up pressure on President Bush Tuesday to seek international curbs on arms sales to the Mideast as key lawmakers introduced legislation aimed at forcing the Administration to press for limits among major supplier nations.

Accusing Bush of moving "disappointingly slowly" on the issue, Sen. Mitchell joined a bipartisan group from both houses in proposing to ban all arms sales to Mideast countries if the Administration fails to make a "good faith" effort to get a restrictive accord.

The legislation was sponsored by Sen. Biden..., with the support of Sens. Mitchell and Kassebaum.... A separate proposal, which calls for a unilateral U.S. moratorium in arms sales to the Mideast while international negotiations to limit sales are pursued, is being pushed in the House by Reps. Fawell and Gephardt....

Bush Administration officials said they were delaying announcement of other arms control objectives for the Mideast until Secretary Baker returns....

"We're in the process of working (out) this arms control problem, and I'm not prepared to give any details on it today at all," President Bush told reporters Tuesday. "But there are all kinds of options out there.... I think there's a lot of (international) sympathy for the idea of trying to get control of weapons. And I'm strongly for it."

(Helen Dewar, Washington Post, A24)

Senate Group Proposes Bill To Control Arms Sales To Middle East

Worried that President Bush may fail to persuade major arms-supplying nations to stem shipments to the Mideast, a bipartisan Senate group Tuesday proposed a far-reaching bill to control arms to the volatile region....

A senior Administration official said President Bush is "always interested in proposals for arms control" but had not had a chance to examine this one.

"I would remind you that a similar proposal has already been made by the Administration as part of its overall plan for bringing a durable peace to the region," said the official, who asked not to be identified. "We are asking, as a start, that all five (Security Council) members notify each other of arms transfers."

Sen. Biden said his proposal goes well beyond the Administration's. "This plan of ours," he said, "would mandate the Administration to make a good faith effort within 60 days of enactment to set up an arms control regime in the Middle East. If it did not make that effort, then U.S. arms sales to the region would be prohibited." (David Hess & Angelia Herrin, Knight-Ridder)

HUSSEIN NONCOMMITTAL ON PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM -- King Hussein of Jordan, after talks Tuesday with Secretary Baker, avoided making a public commitment on whether Jordan would attend a proposed regional conference if Syria does not come to the negotiating table with Israel.

After meetings and a luncheon with Baker in Amman, Hussein refused to answer directly when questioned by reporters about whether Jordan would attend the conference if Syria does not. But his guarded remarks reflected the uncertainty surrounding the peace process following hard-line statements from Syria and Israel in recent days and Baker's growing frustration with both sides.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A21)

Jordan Insists Syria Must Be Part Of Middle East Peace Talks

JERUSALEM -- In a rebuff to the U.S., King Hussein Tuesday lined up with Syria against Israel, refusing to commit Jordan to attend Middle East peace talks if Damascus is left out.

After meeting with the king in Amman, Secretary Baker traveled to Israel and conferred with Palestinian leaders from the West Bank and Gaza. But Baker apparently failed to secure their firm commitment to attend the proposed conference under the terms Israel demands.

(George de Lama, Chicago Tribune)

BAKER EXPECTED TO ASK SHAMIR ABOUT BUILDUP

Secretary Baker is expected to urge Israel to show restraint toward Syrian-backed militias following U.S. intelligence reports of an impending Israeli military offensive into Lebanon.

A State Department official said it would be "logical" for Baker to raise the issue during a meeting scheduled today with Prime Minister Shamir....

Publicly, White House and State Department spokesmen declined to comment on a report in The Washington Times Tuesday that Israeli military forces are poised to take large-scale military action.

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A3)

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**IRAQ, U.N. SAID TO DISCUSS FORMATION
OF SECURITY FORCE TO PROTECT KURDS**

Iraq and the U.N. are discussing a plan to protect Kurds in northern Iraq by establishing a U.N. security force whose ostensible purpose would be to guard civilian U.N. relief workers, U.S. officials and U.N. sources said Tuesday.

Iraq last week rejected a plan to deploy U.N. police in northern Iraq to shield the Kurds. But the sources said the outlines of an agreement easing Iraq's objections to an international force that would infringe on its sovereignty have been reached in talks between Baghdad and Prince Sadrudin Aga Khan, the U.N. official in charge of Iraqi refugee problems.

But, the sources stressed, no accord yet exists on the size of the proposed U.N. security presence, its arms, its location or the length of its stay inside Iraq. "We have agreed on something, but so far it is not very clear, very specific," Secretary General Perez de Cuellar said Tuesday. "We have to be careful now not to raise too many expectations at this stage."...

Tuesday..., State Department spokesman Boucher hinted that a compromise between Iraq and the U.N. might be in the works. "My understanding is that there may be some preliminary agreement on some type of guard arrangements to be associated with the U.N. humanitarian effort," he said. (John Goshko, Washington Post, A24)

Iraq Softens Stance Against U.N. Police

Iraq might agree to an international police presence in Kurdish areas, U.S. and U.N. officials said Tuesday....

A senior Bush Administration official said Washington now wants 70 percent of Iraq's oil revenues to be used to pay compensation for war damages and refugee relief....

The senior Administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Iraqi officials have told top U.N. representatives they "might be willing to accept some kind of police presence" in northern Iraq.

The idea under discussion is a "guard force" that would be stationed at U.N. relief centers as a deterrent to Baghdad's armed forces, he said.

(Warren Strobel, Washington Times, A1)

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS URGE USE OF SAUDI OIL IN RESERVE

NEW YORK -- Congressional leaders are urging President Bush to accept Saudi Arabia's proposal to accept Saudi oil in partial payment of the kingdom's war debt in a deal that appeared to be nearing completion Tuesday.

"We write to urge strongly your favorable consideration of such a repayment option," the leaders said in their letter to Bush dated Friday. It was signed by Reps. Gephardt, Dingell, Panetta, and Sharp.

Senior Saudi and U.S. DOE officials met quietly late Monday in Washington to discuss what government sources said was a possible purchase or lease of Saudi crude oil to help fill the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve. A spokesman declined comment other than to confirm a "confidential" meeting at the department....

A congressional source said there are "hints" that a deal is near.

(Walter Andrews, UPI)

**U.N. STUDYING WAR-DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
Iraq To Pay Bulk From Oil Revenues**

U.N. -- Security Council members and U.N. officials say they are studying formulas by which Iraq can begin paying its damage assessment from the Gulf War, with a focus on using Iraq's oil revenues as the chief source of payment....

"To avoid the idea of attempting to bleed Iraq dry..., it was suggested the secretary general come up with a maximum figure" or percentage of Iraq's annual oil revenues, said a Western diplomat closely involved in the process.

(Trevor Rowe, Washington Post, A24)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "U.N. Plan Would Have Iraq Yield 25% Of Oil Revenue," by Paul Lewis, appears in The New York Times, page A16.

**MOST KURDS HAVE LEFT TURKISH CAMPS
'Very Rapid Flow' To Allied Zone In Iraq, U.S. Officer Says**

ISIKVEREN, Turkey -- Where tens of thousands of Iraqi Kurdish refugees once camped at this mountain site near Turkey's border with Iraq, the slopes today are largely deserted.... With only a few notable exceptions, the mountain camps...are steadily emptying. Encouraged by the establishment of a 3,600-square-mile allied security zone in northern Iraq, the Kurds are returning to their homes, or trekking to new refugee camps sprouting up inside the zone controlled by U.S. and other coalition forces.

"We've experienced a very rapid flow out of the camps in the last eight or nine days," said Col. William Tangney, commander of about 400 U.S. Army Special Forces troops deployed at the refugee sites on the Turkish-Iraq border.

(William Branigin, Washington Post, A24)

SUMMIT DATE AWAITING DISPOSITION OF SOVIET MARINES' EQUIPMENT

The date of the next U.S.-Soviet summit hinges on the fate of 1,107 tanks, armored personnel carriers and other pieces of military equipment bearing the markings of the Soviet marines.

"I've made clear that I would like to go to Moscow under certain conditions, and I'd like to think that I will," President Bush said Tuesday. The main condition standing in the way is a dispute over what to do with that weaponry....

President Gorbachev is sending his military chief of staff to Washington next week to try to settle the dispute and clear the way for Gorbachev to meet Bush at the summit, perhaps as early as next month.

"This is really the only obstacle to a summit," one U.S. official said privately this week. "If it is resolved, we can schedule the summit with the expectation that we can refocus attention on the (START treaty) and get that ready for signing in time for the meeting. We're that close." (Michael Putzel, AP)

BUSH COOL TO IDEA OF HAVING GORBACHEV ATTEND ECONOMIC SUMMIT

President Bush said Tuesday he would discuss with European leaders a request by President Gorbachev to be invited to July's economic summit of Western nations.

However, Bush's aides played down the possibility.... Some of them have said that it would not be appropriate to have Gorbachev attend the meeting of the seven leading industrial nations as a participant, although he might be allowed to meet with the summit leaders separately.

"They've expressed some interest in this, the Soviets have," Bush said. "But I think that it's important that, if he goes there, something positive will happen. So this is a matter that I'll be discussing with the leaders of the other six countries."

(Michael Kranish & Fred Kaplan, Boston Globe)

Bush, Leaders Of Other Democracies May Invite Gorbachev To Parley

...A White House official speaking anonymously said last week that perhaps President Gorbachev could come to London "for a side discussion or whatever." The official said Gorbachev does not "belong in that group" of industrial democratic leaders.

A diplomatic source said that a late arrival by Gorbachev was an attractive idea to some leaders who saw it as a chance to illustrate the gap between the Western and Soviet economic and political systems. (Lawrence O'Rourke, St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

SECRET SOVIET DEAL COULD SNAG U.S. GRAIN CREDITS

A reported secret deal between President Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin may be complicating a decision on whether to grant \$1.5 billion in grain credits to the Soviet Union, U.S. government sources said Tuesday.

U.S. officials believe the alleged deal will transfer all Soviet natural resources, including natural gas and oil, to republics that sign a union treaty. Such an arrangement could further impair the central government's ability to earn hard currency and repay the loans, the officials say.

The Kremlin has denied the existence of a secret agreement.... But several U.S. government officials, interviewed on condition of anonymity over the past week, say they are convinced that such a deal was made. "We think there was a secret part of the April 23 pact. We're confident they talked about dividing up the natural resources. We just can't prove it," one official said Tuesday.

(Michael Lelyveld, Journal of Commerce)

SHEVARDNADZE: SOVIET REPUBLICS MUST DETERMINE FATE

DALLAS -- Former Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze said Tuesday that his country's republics must determine their own fates and not be forced by tanks and troops to accept Moscow's will.

Speaking to a businessmen's luncheon, Shevardnadze said nine of the republics have agreed in principle to sign a union treaty in the near future and if this happens the Soviet Union will remain "a great country for you to do business with." (Phil Magers, UPI)

Shevardnadze Sees Renewed Hope For Soviet Union

DALLAS -- The threat of dictatorship and disintegration in the Soviet Union has eased substantially in the past three weeks, former Foreign Minister Shevardnadze said Tuesday.... He said an April 24 agreement between nine republics and the central government suggests a peaceful and democratic way out of the country's ethnic turmoil.

(Joseph Kahn, Dallas Morning News)

CIA SEES LINGERING THREAT

A 50 percent reduction in the Soviet Union's force of blockbuster SS-18 nuclear missiles will still leave Moscow with the capability of destroying the entire U.S. silo-based missile force, according to a secret CIA report.

The CIA said the Soviets probably agreed to the U.S. proposal to reduce their strategic force by 50 percent "only after assuring themselves that this capability could be maintained."

(Bill Gertz, Washington Times, A3)

STUDY SEES SOVIETS REPEATING AGRICULTURAL ERRORS OF PAST

The Soviet Union's creaky agricultural machine is being threatened further by policy remedies that could repeat mistakes of the past, a new analysis by the Agricultural Department concludes.

Moreover, despite its reform plans, Moscow has not come up with a breakthrough to improve the nation's battered economy.

"Traditional interests have reasserted control of agricultural policy," the report said Tuesday. "Their solutions are based on increasing the flow of resources to farms rather than changing property or financial relationships to improve resource use."

(Don Kendall, AP)

PANELS REJECT MOVES TO BLOCK TRADE TALKS

House and Senate committees turned aside efforts Tuesday to block U.S. trade talks with Mexico, setting the stage for what promises to be a bitter fight next week on the floors of both houses of Congress.

By overwhelming votes, the Senate Finance and Ways and Means committees rejected proposals to deny the Bush Administration a two-year extension of "fast-track"....

Sen. Baucus warned that failure to proceed with Mexico trade talks would amount to "signaling to the world that we Americans...are not really sure we can meet the economic challenges of the future."

However, others questioned whether Congress might be handing the Administration too much power....

"Mexico wants negotiations. The United States wants negotiations. It has not yet been satisfactorily explained to me why these negotiations can't occur while preserving the normal legislative role of Congress," Sen. Mitchell said.

(Karen Tumulty, Los Angeles Times, A4)

Key Congressional Committees OK Fast-Track For Free Trade

Key House and Senate panels voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to give President Bush a free hand in negotiating a free-trade pact with Mexico....

Opponents acknowledged they face a tough job. "We have an uphill fight," said labor lobbyist Bob McGlotten of the AFL-CIO, which has made defeat of fast-track its top priority.

But Administration officials and business lobbyists, fearful of appearing too confident, downplayed their expectations. "It's going OK, not great -- yet," said a White House operative....

The Ways and Means Committee gave voice-vote approval to a non-binding resolution by Reps. Rostenkowski and Gephardt that puts the Administration on notice that the House reserves the right to make changes if an agreement is unsatisfactory. "Members on both sides of the aisle want to vote for something," Rostenkowski explained.

Rufus Yerxa, chief negotiator for multi-national trade talks, said the Administration isn't supporting or opposing the non-binding resolution. But Administration officials stressed their opposition to an alternative that Sen. Riegle plans to offer. Riegle's measure would authorize Congress to change an agreement that doesn't address worker rights, retraining assistance and environmental concerns. "It's entirely appropriate for Congress to preserve its prerogatives," said Riegle.... He said he'll offer his alternative after Senate action. (Mary Deibel, Scripps Howard)

House, Senate Committees Approve Fast-Track

...Rep. Rostenkowski hailed his committee's action as "the first step in the right direction," and said he expects "a fairly decent vote" in favor of fast-track on the House floor....

"I am not convinced that bilateral negotiations cannot be conducted without fast-track," said Sen. Mitchell. "Congress has a responsibility to assure that American interests are protected."
(Benjamin Shore & Marcus Stern, Copley)

Congressional Committees Back Bush On Fast-Track For Trade Treaty

President Bush appears headed for victory in his fight to win congressional approval of expedited trade negotiations with Mexico and the rest of the world....

Big Labor's best remaining shot is in the House, said Robert McGlotten of the AFL-CIO. "Rather than divide our forces, we're concentrating our forces here on the House side," he said.
(Robert Rankin, Knight-Ridder)

Opposition Groups To North American Free-Trade Agreement Growing, Bonding

Tuesday's vote by House and Senate committee to grant President Bush special authority to negotiate a free-trade agreement with Mexico and Canada might appear to be an upset for opponents who lobbied hard against the measure.

But the trilateral coalition of labor, environmental, human rights, religious, trade and consumer groups who banded together to derail fast-track actually achieved a significant victory, says a University of California official and researcher.

"They have had a very important impact," said Cathryn Thorup, director of studies and programs at UCSD's Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies. "We saw domestic groups in the United States, Canada and Mexico pushing the governments to take action."

(Diane Lindquist, Copley)

Hispanics Protest Labor Ads

Major Hispanic-American groups are turning against the Democratic Party for opposing a U.S.-Mexican free trade agreement and are accusing the AFL-CIO of mounting a racist ad campaign against the proposed pact.

But Democratic leaders like DNC Chairman Brown continued to attack President Bush Tuesday over the trade issue, charging that he was raising politically motivated racial issues to win reelection in 1992....

"The Democratic National Community has alienated itself from the Hispanic Community," said Elaine Coronado, head of the Hispanic Alliance for Free Trade.... "A lot of Hispanics are now questioning their loyalty to the Democratic Party." Similar criticism was also voiced by Cesar Collantes of the League of United Latin American Citizens....

In a statement issued Tuesday, Brown made no apology for the tone of the AFL-CIO ads.... Instead, he went on the attack, saying, "as the 1992 campaign season begins, we are once again seeing the same kind of wedge-style politics that appeared in the 1988 presidential campaign.... We will not tolerate half-truths, distortions of fact and racial division."

(Donald Lambro, Washington Times, A3)

GM AGREES TO TREAT WATER AT 35 MEXICAN PLANTS

MEXICO CITY -- General Motors Corp. plans to build water-treatment facilities at its 35 manufacturing plants in Mexico under new pressure from Mexican environmental authorities.

The decision was made after GM inspections found that a number of its production-sharing "maquiladora" plants were dumping raw sewage into rivers and streams, said Betsy-Ann Johnson, GM's vice president in charge of health and safety.

(John Magus, Journal of Commerce)

SENATE ADOPTS CENTRAL AMERICA POLICY

The Senate approved a policy statement Tuesday that calls for U.S. encouragement and support for Central American countries as they seek to build democracy and improve living conditions. The legislation was approved 87-9 and sent to the House. The Administration has expressed no opposition.

(UPI)

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U.S. DRUG WAR CHIEF TELLS COLOMBIANS NOT TO ROMANTICIZE ESCOBAR

BOGOTA -- Drug czar Martinez, on a tour of Latin countries, urged the local press not to romanticize Pablo Escobar, leader of the Medellin cartel. Escobar is a killer, Martinez said....

Martinez assured reporters at a news conference at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota Tuesday that the U.S. had no intention of intervening in Colombia's war on drug traffickers.

"I'm here to pledge to President Cesar Gaviria that we intend to be partners in this war," he said. (Steven Gutkin, AP)

**PERU'S PRESIDENT DEFENDS U.S.
ANTI-DRUG ACCORD ON EVE OF MARTINEZ VISIT**

On the eve of a visit by the U.S. drug czar, President Fujimori denied Peru is letting Washington dictate the terms of a \$100 million U.S. aid package to combat cocaine trafficking.

In a rare speech to the legislature on Tuesday night, Fujimori said the two countries are in partnership and "working as equals" to eradicate Peru's No. 1 export.... He said the agreement is as important to Peru as it is to the U.S.... Cocaine trafficking is "a cancer...endangering our national security," he said.

(Barry Lynn, AP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Despite Rights Issue, Chinese Hope U.S. Trade Status Stays," by Nicholas Kristof, appears in The New York Times, page A10.

NETWORK NEWS

Tuesday evening, May 14

CIA

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with the man President Bush wants to be the new director of the CIA. Robert Gates, who serves on Mr. Bush's national security staff, has a lot going for him -- a veteran intelligence officer, a specialist in Soviet affairs. But Mr. Gates also has baggage. He was the number two man in the CIA four years ago when arms were sold secretly to Iran, and he was passed over for director once.

ABC's Brit Hume: Administration sources say Gates was the President's only choice for the job -- that Mr. Bush delayed the announcement a few days so he could sound out key members of the Senate, and for good reason. Four years ago, Gates was nominated CIA chief to succeed William Casey, who was dying of a brain tumor. He had been Casey's loyal and discreet deputy at CIA, and the nomination came amid the first signs of Casey's central role in the secret sale of arms to Iran. Gates insisted he had done his best to stop those arms sales.

(Sen. Specter: "Did you ever say to Director Casey, 'I think the policy about Iran is wrong?'"

Gates: "Yes, sir. I told the director that I thought the entire activity should be called off -- that the whole policy was a bad idea.")

But the Senate Intelligence Committee had never been told anything about any of that. Members felt hoodwinked and were in no mood to confirm anyone they thought might have been part of it. Today, the President was confident Gates, who was never shown to have had any role in the Iran-Contra wrongdoing, would be confirmed.

(President Bush: "I know Bob Gates, and I know him to be a man of honor, and these matters have been discussed, and I have absolutely no qualms whatsoever.")

Gates appeared today to have at least partially won over his strongest Senate critic of four years ago.

(Specter: "I think we have to make a determination as to whether Mr. Gates would do a job as CIA director -- in terms of his professional competency, it is excellent.")

That view is shared by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Boren, but a couple of other committee Democrats let it be known today they have Iran-Contra questions they still want Gates to answer.

Jennings: When Mr. Bush announced the nomination this morning, Mr. Gates called the CIA the best intelligence service in the world. He would be unlikely to say otherwise. But not everyone would agree with him. And if he is confirmed, Mr. Gates will take over an agency that has made some serious miscalculations.

ABC's John Martin: This has not been the best of times for the CIA. The Agency did not predict Saddam Hussein would invade Kuwait until 24 hours in advance. It predicted an uprising after Saddam's defeat but failed to gauge its tremendous size. During the waning days of the Cold War it correctly forecast instability in Eastern Europe as a result of Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union. It forecast political turmoil among Soviet republics. But that came after years of overestimating the economic strength of the Soviet Union.

(Sen. Moynihan: "For 25 years it reported everything there was to know about the Soviet Union, excepting the fact that it was collapsing. It was a huge mistake which drove American foreign policy for a generation.")

For 40 years the CIA collected information from spy planes, from spy satellites and from spies, concentrating on the Soviet bloc. Critics believe it neglected human intelligence around the world, failing, for example, to recruit Arabic-speaking agents and others to report from diverse cultures. Graham Fuller was a senior Agency official involved in Middle East analysis.

(Fuller: "I think it's imperative that the CIA have the kind of personnel overseas who have a true, deep, hands-on understanding of the way these societies work.")

But with the Cold War over, at least one critic, Moynihan, believes the CIA should be dismantled, its responsibility for collecting diplomatic information given back to the State Department, and for military information, back to the Pentagon.

(Sen. Murkowski: "It won't work. It's never worked in the past, and there's no reason to think it will work now. We need good intelligence. And this country can't afford not to have it.")

The CIA spends \$30 billion a year, but with the superpower rivalry gone now, a national debate may yet take place on whether it's worth that much.

(ABC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: President Bush today named Robert Gates to head the CIA. It is Gates' second nomination to that post. And once again, it is raising questions about secret deals that wound up getting American weapons to the Ayatollah Khomeini.

CBS's Susan Spencer: The first time he was nominated for the top job at the CIA in 1987, Gates withdrew his name amid a firestorm of questions about his role in the unfolding Iran-Contra affair, when he was deputy director of the CIA. Today President Bush declared all that history.

(President Bush: "And I have absolutely no qualms whatsoever. And this matter has been investigated over and over again, this Iran-Contra -- it's been going on for years -- and if I were worried about opening up Iran-Contra, you might suggest I wouldn't send that name forward. But this man has my full trust.")

Gates must win Senate approval. While today no one emerged to lead a charge against him, there were signs confirmation may not be a cakewalk either.

(Sen. Biden: "I think that the President is not unmindful of the fact that in nominating Mr. Gates, who may or not be confirmed, that the Iran-Contra issue will be raised again.")

Spencer continues: If confirmed, Gates will be the first intelligence analyst to head the agency -- a fact said to be of concern among some agents. But with 20 years CIA experience, he's been at the top of the President's list from the start.

(Sen. Rudman: "George Bush is a unique president in the sense that he held that position at one time. So he probably feels very strongly that although there are risks, he may think they are minimal and it's worth going ahead.")

(Sen. Boren: "Barring some new revelation, I would be inclined to vote for Mr. Gates, and I think the Senate probably would be, too.")

In fact, the White House has taken extensive soundings. It is convinced that with no smoking gun, what is known about Iran-Contra won't derail this nomination. The hearings may again raise questions about George Bush's involvement, but the White House has been dealing with those for a long time.

CBS's Eric Engberg says that during the time William Casey was secretly overseeing the sale of arms to the Iranians and aid to the Contras, as laws were broken and money flowed, his loyal number two at the CIA was Robert Gates.

(Rep. Hamilton: "At the very least, it raises a lot of questions that I think puts the burden on him to respond. It would seem to me that he ought to have known about these activities.")

Previous congressional testimony shows that in Oct. 1986, Gates got disquieting news from the CIA's top expert on terrorism: Some of the money from the Iran deals was being diverted to other U.S. projects, including the Contras. Gates' first reaction was to tell the analysts, 'I didn't want to hear any more about it.' He finally refers the matter to Casey. Then, eight days later, White House aide Oliver North, who was in charge of the fund diversion, lunches with Casey and Gates at CIA headquarters. North speaks of an Iranian arms merchant, a Swiss account, and money for the Contras. Even though Gates had been warned a week earlier of a possible money scandal, he inexplicably does not pursue the money trail. He does write a covering memo that leaves out North's mention of Contras and Swiss accounts but stresses North's comment that the CIA was completely clean on the Contras. As the scandal unravels, Casey presents misleading testimony to Congress which does not mention the diversion of funds. Gates oversees the writing of that testimony.

(Tom Blanton, director, National Security Archive: "The worst case is that Bob Gates participated in the cover-up. The best case is that Bob Gates is a hear-no-evil, see-no-evil, speak-no-evil bureaucrat who watched all this information come through his office and he looked the other way.")

Gates maintains he kept quiet about suspicions of a fund diversion because the evidence was weak. While Congress is in no mood to re-open Iran-Contra wounds, there will be an effort to win a pledge from Gates that if there's a next time he'll reach for a whistle and blow it.

(CBS-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: President Bush today nominated Robert Gates for a job that he once held himself, the head of the CIA. This position opened with William Webster's retirement last week. By backing Gates, Bush risked re-opening a controversy that he'd just as soon forget.

NBC's John Cochran: By nominating Gates as CIA director, President Bush threw down a challenge to Congress: 'Go ahead, do your darndest, but you can't connect me or Bob Gates to Iran-Contra or any other scandal.' The President chose Gates to head the CIA despite lingering questions about Gates and Iran-Contra. During that mess, Gates was number two at the CIA under Director Bill Casey, who many believe was the mastermind behind diverting money from arms sales to Iran to the Contra rebels. When a brain tumor felled Casey, Ronald Reagan nominated Gates to replace him. Gates denied he was one of Oliver North's accomplices.

(Gates in Feb. 1987: "I asked Col. North at the lunch if there were any CIA involvement, direct or indirect, in the private funding effort on behalf of the Contras. He told us that CIA is completely clean.")

Although no one linked Gates to anything illegal, he withdrew his nomination to avoid further controversy. Now Gates will undergo scrutiny a second time, which means George Bush's involvement in Iran-Contra will again go under the microscope.

(President Bush: "If I were worried about opening up Iran-Contra, you might suggest I wouldn't send that name forward. But this man has my full trust.")

The White House believes Gates will be confirmed this time after some tough grilling.

(Sen. Biden: "I think that the President is not unmindful of the fact that in nominating Mr. Gates, who may or may not be confirmed, that the Iran-Contra issue will be raised again.")

(Sen. Metzenbaum: "I think that the President could have made a better choice, somebody who is less controversial.")

But many senators will focus more on how Gates would upgrade CIA spying, which failed to predict Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. Outgoing CIA Director Webster told Parade magazine maybe the nation's intelligence system should be overhauled. If Gates easily wins confirmation as CIA director, then it will mean that President Bush is right when he says that Iran-Contra is ancient history.

(NBC-2)

ECONOMY

Brokaw: The numbers do look better for the American economy tonight, but what about you? Any signs that your piece of the recession is now fading? That does seem to be the dilemma around the country, the statistics conflicting with personal experience.

NBC's Mike Jensen says consumer prices in April rose a very modest 0.2 percent. Inflation is under control.

(Rep. Leach: "And it looks as if the economy is stabilizing and about to turn up.")

Today's news on retail sales was mixed -- down last month just a bit, but up in March, according to new figures. For Americans who are wondering why they feel so broke if Washington says the news is getting better, there are plenty of reasons. Here's a big one: The middle class is getting killed by higher taxes. Social Security taxes have gone up, including Medicare, federal taxes are up, state taxes are up, city taxes are up, property taxes are up. Millions of people also are having to get by with smaller paychecks. They've lost \$15-an-hour manufacturing jobs and instead are working for \$5 an hour. Also, a lot of people have had overtime eliminated and white-collar people have been fired.

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Jensen continues: Retired people are hurting, too, losing income because interest rates have come way down on things like CDs and money market certificates. Government officials and economists who look only at the figures are missing a lot of hardship out there.

NBC's Irving R. Levine says there are increasing signs that the recession is bottoming out. In fact, the long climb out of recession may be beginning.

(John Mueller, economist: "I think the recession which began last July bottomed in March and that the recovery began in April. And I think we're going to continue to see an economic recovery for the next year and a half to two years at least.")

That's definitely a minority view. But even statistics which have been grim for a long time, such as auto sales, are brightening. Home sales are up. Applications for unemployment benefits are down. And some stores, especially discounters like TJ Max in Dallas, report more spending by shoppers. There is general agreement on one thing: that a further lowering of interest rates by the Fed will be needed to get the economy in a really convincing upturn.

(NBC-Lead)

MIDDLE EAST PEACE/BAKER

Jennings: Now to the peace process in the Middle East, which may qualify as an oxymoron. Secretary Baker arrived in Israel tonight. He came in through the occupied territories from Jordan, which certainly raised some eyebrows.

ABC's John McWethy says Mr. Baker crossed from Jordan into the Israeli occupied West Bank. In a matter of a few seconds he showed how easy it ought to be for everyone to take this stroll if only there was peace.

(Secretary Baker: "I want you to get a sense of the distances involved here.")

It was no accident that he came to Israel this way as his peace campaign appears to be faltering. He saw for himself the Palestinian towns on the West Bank that are now being squeezed by more and more Israeli settlements. A new one, which Baker did not see, sprang up last night -- another message that the Shamir government does not intend to trade away any of its occupied land. Earlier in the day, Baker tried to convince Jordan's King Hussein to attend a peace conference, even if Syria refuses to come. Though Baker said he was pleased with the king's response, it was clear from what the king said in public that he had not committed himself.

(McWethy: "You will not go to a peace conference if Syria is not there, is that correct?

King Hussein: "I haven't said that.

McWethy: "Will you go to a peace conference if Syria is not there?

Hussein: "I haven't said that, either.")

Getting straight answers from anyone is just one of Baker's problems. Tomorrow he will face another in Prime Minister Shamir, who says he wants peace, but so far, in Baker's opinion, has not taken the steps necessary to convene a peace conference. (ABC-3)

Rather: Secretary Baker's bid, and that is to say Mr. Bush's bid, to forge a Middle East peace in the wake of the Gulf War may be drawing to an end tonight.

(CBS-3, NBC-4)

GULF

Jennings says the U.N. and Iraq are said tonight to have reached a preliminary agreement that would allow U.N. forces to patrol refugee camps in northern Iraq. Some crucial details remain: would they be armed and how far afield would they patrol?

(ABC-4, CBS-2)

WINNIE MANDELA

Jennings: In South Africa today, Winnie Mandela has been sentenced to six years in jail for the kidnapping of four black boys and for being an accessory to their beatings. Nobody seems to know what to expect next. The head of the country's largest black newspaper said maybe there'll be trouble, maybe not. (ABC-2, CBS-4, NBC-3)

FOOD LABELING

Jennings: The FDA has opened another front in its battle to guarantee that food labels are accurate.

ABC's George Strait says that if the labels of some cooking oils which make health claims are not changed, the FDA threatens to seize the products. So far the makers of Crisco have agreed to drop "no cholesterol" from their label. The makers of Mazola say their label is not misleading. In the coming weeks, the FDA plans to go after seven other categories of foods in which companies are using similarly misleading labels: mayonnaise, margarine, salad dressing, potato chips, nuts, pretzels and peanut butter. (ABC-6)

CBS's Bruce Morton reports:

(David Kessler, FDA commissioner: "The claims on these products don't tell the whole story. They are half truths. These products contain 100 percent fat, and a diet high in total fat is an unhealthy diet.") (CBS-7, NBC-8)

QUEEN ELIZABETH

NBC's Jim Miklaszewski says the White House rolled out the red carpet for the Queen with all the pomp and pageantry that tradition and royalty demand. The standing-room crowd of royal watchers got everything they came for, right down to the hat, the handbag and the royal wave. This is her third state visit, and Bush stressed the two nations' special relationship.

(President Bush: "Today, our alliance has perhaps never been stronger. For evidence, look to the sands and seas of the Persian Gulf.")

It came off without a hitch until the Queen took the lectern. The White House failed to provide a step stool, so much of the crowd and cameras saw only a talking hat.

(Queen Elizabeth: "Thank you for your warm welcome to Washington and to the White House.")

The Queen was unfazed by the obvious oversight. Besides, she's probably grateful just to escape all the scandal back home. The President and Queen will attend a major league game tomorrow night. [TV COVERAGE of President Bush throwing a horseshoe with the Queen at his side]

(NBC-10, CBS-10)

10:30 A.M. NEWS UPDATE

BAKER TRIP (Jerusalem/AP) -- Secretary Baker, nearing the end of his troubled Mideast peace mission, held critical back-to-back meetings with Prime Minister Shamir. Israeli Radio, without explanation, reported they were putting "understandings" pertaining to the proposed regional peace conference in writing. Another Israeli official, without elaboration, said "something is cooking." Neither side issued a statement after the first round. An anonymous Israeli source told the AP the scheduling of the second session "means they have something to talk about."

FRANCE/ROCARD (Paris/AP) -- Premier Michel Rocard resigned and was replaced by Edith Cresson, a former Cabinet minister who becomes the first woman to head the French government.

IRAQ/GUNFIRE (Ankara/Reuter) -- Three Iraqis fired at a U.S. Army helicopter in the allied security zone in northern Iraq, a U.S. Army spokesman said. "The pilot of the OH-58C scout helicopter observed small arms fire in his direction...but not high enough to be a threat," Col. Kirchoffner told Reuters. "The assessment of the incident by the ground operators is that this was an action by undisciplined Iraqi soldiers or civilians playing with their arms," Kirchoffner said.

IRAQ/REFUGEES (Dawaniyah, Iraq/AP) -- Iranian officials said that Kurdish refugees are now streaming home, and Iraq reported a tentative accord on replacing allied troops in northern Iraq with U.N. police. The safety guaranteed by the allied troops in northern Iraq -- as well as the availability of food -- are attracting tens of thousands of Kurds who sought refuge in Iran after their failed rebellion, witnesses said. "We thought we'd only have to save the ones who escaped to Turkey," said 1st Lt. Tenhove of the Dutch marines. "Now we're going to have to save the whole world." In another development, the Iraqi government lifted a travel ban imposed during the Gulf crisis.

PHILIPPINE BASES (Manila/Reuter) -- The U.S. has offered the Philippines large amounts of weapons as part of a deal to allow U.S. bases to remain in the country, a Philippine official involved in stalled negotiations said. "The United States has indicated they are willing to pass legislation to that effect provided we would agree to some of their conditions as a quid pro quo," retired Brig. Gen. Gacis said. He estimated the amount of military equipment could reach about \$150 million a year.

BANGLADESH (Dhaka/AP) -- Five U.S. Blackhawk helicopters ferried food and medicine to cyclone survivors along the southeastern coast, beginning an American relief effort involving thousands of troops. About 7,000 U.S. military personnel, some of them Persian Gulf war veterans diverted from homeward voyages, were to reach Bangladesh later today in an eight-ship flotilla.

1:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

PRESIDENT/MALPRACTICE (Norman Sandler/UPI) -- With many physicians on the retreat from legal and insurance bills, President Bush proposed legislation to restrain the proliferation and costs of medical malpractice suits. In a letter to Congress, Bush pressed for the enactment of laws that would encourage states to cap awards for pain and suffering at \$250,000 and overhaul statutes that now lead to huge financial judgments in malpractice cases. "The costs of defensive medical practice and of litigation related to health care disputes have skyrocketed," Bush said. "As a result, the access to quality care for significant portions of the population has been threatened."

BAKER TRIP (Jerusalem/AP) -- Secretary Baker held three rounds of talks with Prime Minister Shamir as his troubled Mideast peace mission neared an end. They worked on a document spelling out points of agreement and disagreement without any sign Baker had been able to clear remaining obstacles to a peace conference. Baker reported by telephone to President Bush and probably will see Shamir again Thursday before heading home, a U.S. official said. "We are still working," Baker said as he returned to his hotel after the second session.

SUPER COLLIDER (AP) -- A House appropriations subcommittee voted to slash President Bush's request for the superconducting super collider by \$100 million, cutting spending on it next year to \$343 million. Rep. Bevill, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee on energy and water development, said the collider was unanimously endorsed by the panel during a closed-door session.

GULF/AID (Geneva/Reuter) -- A U.N. envoy in the Gulf said that the organization needed another \$415 million to help Iraqi refugees to return to their homes. Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, U.N. humanitarian envoy in the region, told diplomats in Geneva that "refugees should be able to return home rather than go from one camp to another."

ANTI-DRUG WAR/PERU (Lima/AP) -- The government signed a \$100 million U.S. aid package for combating the cocaine trade, Peru's ambassador to the U.S. said. Speaking in a radio interview, Ambassador Maclean said he signed the agreement with U.S. Ambassador Quainton at a private ceremony. President Fujimori told the Peruvian Congress that both nations were in partnership and "working as equals" to eradicate Peru's No. 1 export. Cocaine trafficking is "a cancer...endangering our national security," he said.

PRESIDENT'S FINANCES (Tom Raum, AP) -- The assessment on President Bush's 11-acre oceanside vacation home in Kennebunkport soared 124 percent last year to \$2.2 million, financial disclosure forms released by the White House showed. At the same time, the value of holdings in the President's blind trust -- mostly earned in his days as a Texas oilman -- shrank in 1991 by 2.5 percent to \$1.243 million.

4:45 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

PRESIDENT/REPUBLICANS (AP) -- President Bush asked Senate Republicans to rally behind his legislative program and pronounced himself "sick and tired" of critics who accuse him of lacking a domestic agenda. Meeting with senators in the Capitol, Bush also sought support for his nominee to head the CIA, Robert Gates. Sen. Dole said afterward that GOP backing for Gates was unanimous. The President spoke briefly with reporters before privately meeting with the lawmakers. He urged backing for a U.S.-Mexico trade agreement, his anti-crime package, the administration's education program and a "veto strategy" to nullify Democratic programs unacceptable to the GOP.

PRESIDENT/CHINA/MFN (Christopher Connell, AP) -- President Bush said he favors renewed MFN trade status for China, despite its continuing human rights problems. Bush, speaking with reporters at the White House after conferring with GOP senators on Capitol Hill, said, "I want to see MFN for China continue and I made a strong pitch for it. We do not want to isolate China. And I go back to the days when I was in China as equivalent of ambassador. I know there are major problems in China; things we don't like about their system," the President said. "But things are an awful lot better than they were back in 1975."

PRESIDENT'S HEALTH (Susan Cornwell, Reuter) -- President Bush said he had received a good report on his health, was at his lowest weight in 30 years and felt the best he had felt since his thyroid ailment began. "I've got a very good report on the health today. Today's really, literally, and I'm not just saying this, the best I've felt since the onset of the problem," Bush told reporters outside the White House. "They've got a report back now that I think the doctors will comment on later but it was very good on getting this thyroid in balance," the President said. Bush said he had been "dead tired" on Tuesday but was not fatigued Wednesday.

PRESIDENT/QUEEN (UPI) -- President Bush said he is sorry Queen Elizabeth looked like a "talking hat" on TV at the White House welcoming ceremony, but he blamed his chief of protocol for the oversight. There was a small pedestal for the queen to stand on but no one pulled it out for her. Nor did anyone push a button raising the podium to a level where she could be seen as she spoke. Asked why he didn't give the queen a step to stand on, Bush said, "That's what we hired Joseph Reed for." First Lady Barbara Bush also absolved her husband of any blame. She told reporters sharply, "He (the President) doesn't need to apologize. It was someone else's job -- come on."

BAKER TRIP (Jerusalem/AP) -- Secretary Baker wound up three rounds of talks with Prime Minister Shamir saying he had made progress in trying to set up Mideast peace talks. But Israeli Foreign Minister Levy said it would be up to the Arabs "to prove their intentions." Baker planned to hold another session with Shamir Thursday. In the meantime, U.S. and Israeli officials worked late trying to cobble together a statement showing where Israel and the U.S. were in accord. Baker, returning to his hotel, was asked if he had made any progress. "I think so," he said.

FREE TRADE PACT/MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY (Mexico City/UPI) -- Mexico's Foreign Ministry has denied a statement in a confidential U.S. memorandum that says a North American free-trade agreement would put Mexico more in line with the foreign policy of the U.S. "The Mexican government considers absurd any supposition that the possible negotiation of a free-trade agreement with the United States and Canada could modify the orientation" of its foreign policy, the ministry said in a statement.

SOVIET TRADE/U.S. GRAIN (Reuter) -- The Senate urged President Bush to sell the Soviet Union up to \$1.5 billion worth of U.S. grain and other farm products on credit as requested by President Gorbachev. It approved 70-28 a non-binding "sense of the Senate" resolution urging Bush to approve the sale on condition the food not be withheld from Baltic countries and Soviet republics to coerce them into accepting Moscow's control.

ISRAEL/TERRITORIES (Geneva/Reuter) -- The World Health Organization condemned falling health standards in the Israeli-occupied territories. Its annual gathering of health ministers passed a resolution saying Israeli policies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were not consistent with the population's health requirements.

MOSCOW EMBASSY (UPI) -- The House adopted a compromise plan that tosses back to the administration the decision on what to do with the bug-riddled U.S. Embassy in Moscow. During work on the State Department authorization bill the House approved, 223-185, an amendment directing the administration to make a decision about the future of the embassy and report back to Congress next year.

AUTO FUEL EFFICIENCY (AP) -- A Senate committee refused to strengthen auto fuel economy requirements as part of a broad energy package, jeopardizing prospects for a law balancing energy production and conservation. Sen. Johnston expressed doubt after the vote that the package can win approval in the Senate unless automakers are required to make specific fuel economy improvements. By a 13-7 vote, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee rebuffed Johnston, the panel's chairman, whose amendment would have required automakers to increase fuel efficiency in stages over the next 15 years reaching a fleet average of 37 MPG by 2006.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE (UPI) -- Senate Democrats scaled back the scope and cut in half the cost of their campaign finance reform package in a last-minute bid to attract GOP votes and placate dissidents in their own ranks. Sen. Boren said the key element of the legislation -- voluntary state-by-state spending caps on Senate campaigns -- remained intact but the amount candidates could get for television was cut. With the change, Boren said, the program would "cost \$25 million, about half what it was."

HHS/SULLIVAN (Reuter) -- Secretary Sullivan predicted that new leadership at the FDA would end industry pressure for a congressional ban on state regulation of food safety. Even as he spoke, however, an official of a trade association representing food processors reiterated his group's strong desire for a law requiring national uniformity in the allowable limits of pesticide residues in food. "Food safety legislation should include a provision that makes clear there cannot be 50 conflicting and differing state requirements," said John Cady, president of the National Food Processors Association. ###

POOL REPORT

The President Goes to the Hill, a Birthday Party and Meets
Prime Minister Manley
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At the Capitol, Bush stopped by the office of Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) and Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell (D-Maine). In Mitchell's office, Bush also met Roy Gardner, the first selectman of Allagash, Maine, a constituent who was waiting to see Mitchell. The three chatted for about five minutes, mostly about Maine, according to Mitchell spokeswoman Diane Dewhirst.

Bush met briefly with Senate Minority Leader Robert J. Dole (R-Kan.) in Dole's office before joining the Senate Republicans in the Mansfield Room of the Capitol. (Your pool was excluded from the photo op, but reviewed a tape from a Hill pooler.) Sen. Don Nickles (Okla.), chairman of the National Republican Senate Committee presented Bush with a t-shirt which said "Back on the Fast Track" on the front and "1" on the back. Dole gave Bush an oversized blue, white and gold plastic card in the fashion of a Visa credit card that said "VETO."

"We're here to work on the domestic agenda," Bush said, mentioning fast-track, the crime bill, the administration energy and education initiatives. Of the veto strategy, he said, "It's very important. When we're a minority, the only way we're going to get something done is to beat down the bad ideas before we get a shot at the good idea...I get sick and tired of people saying we don't have a domestic agenda. They have got their eyes closed and they don't want to hear. We've got a good one. With your support we can make it come to pass...we've got to stay together and get this job done."

Upon returning to the White House, the president spoke to your pool of many things. A transcript is forthcoming. The highlights:

His health: He declared himself to be feeling "Fine." He said today was "The best I've felt since" last Saturday. "Yesterday, I was dead tired," he said. He said he misses his jogging and believes "This is the longest I've gone in my life" without exercising. He said he got "a very good report about the thyroid being in balance" today. He said he's lost about 10 pounds in the last three weeks and is now down to 187 pounds, the lightest he's been in 10 years. "I'd like to keep it off."

Crime bill and Brady bill: "I want a comprehensive crime bill." He noted that he challenged Congress to pass it in 100 days and so far 67 have gone by. Asked if he would veto the Brady bill, he said he was "keeping our options open."

China MFN: "I made a strong pitch for it" during the Senate meeting, he said. "I don't want to see them isolated."

Iraq: He's considering going to the United Nations for a further resolution to get Iraq to accept a civilian police force in northern Iraq.

On how much of its oil revenues Iraq should pay in reaparations, Bush said, "I don't have a percentage in mind."

Memorial Day: He plans to extend his stay in Kennebunkport.

On yesterday's talking hat: Asked if he felt badly that he didn't put out the riser for Queen Elizabeth, Bush said, "That's what we hired Joseph Reed for...I feel badly I didn't...But she'd started to speak." He said he didn't realize how it would look head-on.

The First Lady came over at that point to take the president over to granddaughter Marshall's birthday party (she's the daughter of Marvin and she's four). Told that her husband was feeling badly for not elevating the Queen, she said, "Don't apologize. That's someone else's job."

Bush went over to watch a clown entertain about three dozen partiers celebrating Marshall's birthday, which was actually yesterday. The clown was doing a long bit of schtick about pulling an American flag out of a bag. Bush stood at the back of the group with Barbara. Before leaving he wished Marshall a happy birthday. Marshall got up from her spot of honor at the front of the group and went to hug the president. "I'm not supposed to hug her with my radioactive..." Bush said as Marshall embraced him.

Marlin later added that Bush's daily medications include three drops of potassium iodine, one baby aspirin, coumadin, procainamide and digoxin. The doctors report after today's examination that the president is doing very well and his thyroid condition is well on the way to recovery. "The president's medication is doing its job," Marlin said.

Marlin later said he wanted to emphasize that the president has not made a decision on China MFN. The Manley photo op was uneventful.

John Yang, Washington Post

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News From the Hill

SENATE FLOOR: Central American policy bill wins passage.

Senators yesterday approved, 87-9, legislation (S 100) that would spell out U.S. policy goals in Central America.

The bill would not authorize any funds, but rather would encourage economic development and the embrace of democratic ideals throughout the region.

Members rejected, 38-58, an amendment by North Carolina Republican Jesse Helms that would have kept U.S. policy goals for Central America in line with U.S. goals for Eastern Europe, which call for making certain government-owned enterprises private and for removing a wide variety of trade restrictions.

Forced Labor. Members also approved, 97-0, a number of treaties, including an international labor treaty adopted in 1957 that calls for the abolition of forced labor.

HOUSE FLOOR: Niobrara River protection bill OK'd by members.

Legislation (S 248) to protect a 95-mile stretch of the Niobrara River in Nebraska under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was cleared for the president after the House passed the bill, 333-71.

Supporters of the measure said the river was a prime candidate to be protected from commercial and residential development. But Republican critics argued that the designation would not protect owners of private property along the river.

By a 109-293 vote, the House rejected an amendment by Bill Barrett, R-Neb., whose district the river flows through, to require further studies of the river.

Veterans' Employment. Lawmakers also passed, by voice vote, a bill (HR 1578) to clarify and strengthen laws that bar employment discrimination against veterans.

FAST-TRACK trade authority to be extended under panels' action.

President Bush's request for two

more years to negotiate trade agreements under special procedures that would not allow Congress to amend the pacts won the strong support of three congressional panels yesterday.

The Senate Finance Committee voted 15-3 to recommend that the full Senate reject a resolution (S Res 78) to deny "fast-track" authority for trade agreements.

In the House, the Ways and Means Committee voted 27-9 to recommend that its version (H Res 101) denying the authority also be rejected on the floor. The Rules Committee, by voice vote, decided to send the resolution to the floor without recommendation.

The Bush administration is currently talking with Mexico about a free-trade agreement and participating in international negotiations to liberalize trade rules.

Under a 1988 law designed to give U.S. trade officials greater latitude in negotiations, legislation to implement the trade agreements would be taken up in both chambers in an expedited fashion that would not allow members to revise the terms of the deals.

Approval of either resolution in the House or Senate by June 1 would deny Bush the use of the fast-track procedure.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, told panel members that a vote to deny fast-track authority would kill the trade negotiations. Bentsen said that the agreements were essential for U.S. long-term economic growth. "We are in a recession and more so than any time in the past, America will have to export its way back to prosperity," he said.

But Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., an opponent of the extension, is preparing to bring to the Senate floor a resolution (S Con Res 30) that would revise fast-track rules to extend floor debate on

Today

House Floor: Members plan to begin work on amendments to legislation (HR 1415) to authorize the activities of the State Department and U.S. Information Agency in fiscal 1992-93.

The measure would authorize \$5.6 billion for fiscal 1992, slightly more than the \$5.5 billion requested by President Bush. The increase is attributed to additional funds authorized for refugee assistance, mostly for Soviet Jews resettling in Israel.

An amendment is expected to be offered by Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, to tear down the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, which is riddled with listening devices. Snowe is proposing to authorize \$280 million over two years to rebuild the embassy.

The proposal would authorize \$130 million in fiscal 1992 and \$85 million in fiscal 1993 to tear down the top two floors of the building and add four new, secure floors.

Senate Floor: The Senate plans to debate and vote on a resolution (S Res 117) that urges the administration to extend additional credit to the Soviet Union to allow for more purchases of U.S. grain.

The administration has been leaning against the granting of additional grain credits to the Soviet Union because of concerns over its credit worthiness.

Members may also begin consideration of a Democrat-backed bill (S 3) that would revise campaign finance law. The measure would place voluntary spending limits on Senate campaigns while offering incentives such as subsidized mail and television advertising to candidates that abide by the limits.

Budget Conference: The main issue that conferees on the budget resolution (H Con Res 121) will have to resolve today is whether to allow lawmakers to impose tax increases as a way of paying for an expansion of social programs such as unemployment insurance, health care and child nutrition.

The pay-as-you-go restrictions in the 1990 budget agreement require expanded entitlement spending to be offset either by spending cuts or tax hikes.

But during Senate consideration of a budget resolution, freshman Hank Brown, R-Colo., and Budget Committee ranking Republican Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico joined forces to insert an amendment that would rule out tax increases and require new or expanded entitlement spending to be paid for by cuts in other mandatory programs.

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a trade bill to 15 days and allow members to amend sections dealing with certain trade issues, such as fair labor and environmental standards.

In other action, the Ways and Means and Rules panels also approved a resolution (H Res 146) that lays out what U.S. objectives should be in the Mexico trade negotiations.

BANK OVERHAUL bill begins slow trek through Banking panel.

The House Banking Subcommittee on Financial Institutions Supervision yesterday kicked off work on a comprehensive bill to overhaul the banking industry, but its first big vote was to return deposit insurance coverage back to existing levels.

The Bush administration had proposed limiting a depositor's insurance coverage to \$200,000 per institution, half of which could be used for a retirement account.

But by a 18-17 vote, the panel approved an amendment by Carroll Hubbard Jr., D-Ky., to strike the language from the bill in favor of current law, which allows coverage up to \$100,000 per account but does not limit the number of accounts an individual may have.

The close vote means the issue is certain to be revisited when the full panel takes up the bill, particularly because Chairman Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, supports limits on insurance coverage.

Members approved, by voice vote, an amendment by Larry LaRocco, D-Idaho, to bar all banks with low capital or poor management ratings from accepting brokered deposits, which investors use to get the best interest rates around the country.

The panel also turned back several attempts by members to continue to allow pension funds to be covered by deposit insurance.

CABLE REGULATION bill wins approval of Senate panel.

The Senate Commerce Committee yesterday approved, 16-3, legislation (S 12) that could lead to renewed regulation of cable television rates in some communities.

But the full Senate is expected to sit on the bill for now. Senators do not want to vote on cable pricing until they see what steps the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) takes to ensure greater competition among cable providers.

"Cable television has become a monopoly that's out of control, and consumers are suffering," said Al Gore, D-Tenn., a cosponsor of the bill.

Under the 1984 law that deregulated the cable TV industry, local communities cannot regulate cable rates if their cable provider faces "effective competition."

That is defined by the FCC as a market in which subscribers can tune in to at least three broadcast signals without cable.

In response to numerous complaints about rising prices for basic cable service, the FCC is poised to tighten that definition of competitive markets. A decision is expected in a month.

The legislation is similar to a bill that died on the Senate floor last year amid last-minute opposition from the cable industry and the Bush administration. The opposition is even more intense this year.

The bill would regulate rates for basic cable service, impose customer service standards and permit regulation of rates for other cable channels if the FCC found prices to be unreasonable.

POLITICAL ADS, radio bills gain nod from Senate Commerce.

The Senate Commerce Committee approved two communications bills yesterday, by voice vote, including:

- S 521, a bill that would strengthen laws to ensure that political candidates receive the lowest possible advertising rate from television and radio stations.

Supporters of the bill say loopholes in the law have allowed many television and radio operators to charge higher rates for political candidate spots.

- S 218, a bill that would free up scarce radio frequencies for commercial use. The measure would order the Commerce Department to transfer 200 megahertz of the radio spectrum from government control to the private sector. A megahertz is the equivalent of 30 television channels.

Bill supporters say that developing technologies, such as digital audio broadcasts and personal mobile telephones, are in dire need of the frequencies.

Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said at the markup that he would offer an amendment on the floor that would allow the government to auction the airwaves.

NASA, NHTSA authorizations among bills OK'd by Commerce.

A number of bills on various transportation issues received voice vote approval yesterday from the Senate Commerce Committee, including:

- HR 1988, a bill that would authorize funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at \$15.3 billion in fiscal 1992, or \$496 million less than was requested by the president.

The bill would authorize \$50 million for an unmanned launch vehicle project, far less than the \$175 million requested by the president. It would also authorize far less money than requested by the administration for a mission project to the moon and Mars. Members agreed to authorize \$2 million for preliminary work on the project, far below the \$94 million

requested by the president.

- S 1012, that would reauthorize for three years the operations and research programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The fiscal 1992 authorization level in the bill for operations and research is \$68.7 million. The bill also includes provisions for NHTSA to establish a grant program for states to fund alcohol and drug-abuse driving education programs.

- S 591, a bill that would require driver-side airbags in all passenger cars manufactured after Sept. 1, 1995. Both driver-side and passenger-side airbags would be required in cars built after Sept. 1, 1996.

Under the bill, light trucks and minivans would also be required to have driver-side airbags installed after Sept. 1, 1996. Passenger-side airbags would be required on light trucks built after Sept. 1, 1997.

- S 631, a bill that would authorize funding for five years for truck and bus safety assistance and inspection programs funded through state grants made by the Department of Transportation.

The measure would authorize \$65 million in fiscal 1992 for the grants; the administration requested \$51.4 million.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS votes to delete family planning restriction.

In a surprise move yesterday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee approved an amendment that would allow U.S. aid to go to international family planning organizations that provide abortion counseling. Jan Meyers, R-Kan., offered the amendment, approved by voice vote, to the draft fiscal 1992-93 foreign aid authorization.

Under current law, the United States is barred from giving funds to any international family planning organization that provides abortions or abortion counseling. Meyers' amendment would delete this restriction.

Meyers said she offered the amendment because overpopulation is the cause of many of the world's problems, such as environmental degradation, famine and poverty.

Meyers acknowledged that if the language is left in the measure the president will probably veto the bill.

But, she said, she wanted to raise the issue of getting U.S. aid to countries that have population problems, even if the only family planning organization in that country discusses abortion.

Republican panel members Henry J. Hyde, Ill., and Christopher H. Smith, N.J., who oppose abortion, argued against the amendment but did not ask for a roll-call vote.

The action came as the committee continued its second day of consideration on the aid bill. The panel is scheduled to resume work tomorrow.

ALTERNATIVE AUTO fuels given boost by Senate Energy panel.

The Senate Energy Committee resumed work yesterday on a national energy strategy bill (S 341), approving a proposal by Chairman J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., to require state agencies and private companies to buy cars that run on alternative fuels.

Johnston's initial plan, unveiled last week, would have required state and private fleets of 100 or more automobiles to phase in alternative-fuel vehicles, up to 75 percent of their new car purchases by the year 2000. Federal fleets would have had to meet more stringent standards.

But the proposal was revised after some panel members criticized it as too weak. The updated plan, approved by a 14-6 vote, would require that fleets of 50 or more vehicles meet the alternative fuel requirements if at least 20 of the automobiles can be fueled in the same location.

By a 7-11 vote, the panel rejected an amendment by ranking Republican Malcolm Wallop, Wyo., to exempt diesel trucks of more than 8,500 pounds from the requirements. Wallop said the requirements were out of step with reality. "We have an economy that we have to satisfy, as well as our fantasies," he said.

Fuel Economy. After brief debate yesterday, the panel intends to consider amendments today on a new Johnston proposal to require higher fuel economy standards for automobiles. By the year 2006, Johnston wants automobile fleets to average at least 37 miles-per-gallon.

STATE DEPARTMENT bill to limit arms sales to Middle East.

Provisions of a draft measure approved yesterday by a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee could sharply curtail the administration's ability to sell arms to nations in the Middle East.

The language is part of the fiscal 1992-93 State Department authorization bill, which was agreed to, 7-0, by the Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations Subcommittee. The measure as approved would authorize \$5.5 billion for fiscal 1992, but additional funds for refugee and migration assistance may be added later.

Before the president could sell weapons to any nation in the Middle East, the bill requires that he report to Congress on why such a sale would further U.S. goals for the region. The president would then have to wait 60 days before completing the arms deal.

During that time Congress could try to block the sale.

Under existing law, the president notifies Congress once he has decided to sell arms to a country. Congress then has 30 days to block the sale.

Subcommittee Chairman John Kerry, D-Mass., said the provision would

not impede sales of weapons that Israel needed. But Paul Simon, D-Ill., said he was skeptical and that he might challenge the proposal during full committee consideration of the bill.

VETERANS' HEALTH-care bill backed by House panel.

The House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care yesterday approved, by voice vote, legislation (HR 2280) that aims to increase the quality of health care in veterans hospitals.

The bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop medical laboratory standards comparable to those set by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Under the bill, the secretary of Veterans Affairs would be given wider authority to monitor health-care practices at veterans hospitals and clinics.

The bill would also authorize additional services to treat post-traumatic stress disorders, to help homeless veterans and to expand child-care services available to veterans.

The subcommittee also gave voice vote approval to a draft resolution to authorize construction of a number of veterans treatment facilities, including a \$41.6 million psychiatric care center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a number of smaller outpatient clinics.

BOAT USER fee repeal backed by Merchant Marine panel.

A House Merchant Marine subcommittee yesterday voted to repeal a user fee to be levied on recreational boaters beginning next month. The Coast Guard and Navigation Subcommittee approved a bill (HR 534), by voice vote, that would eliminate the fee.

The fee was included in last year's deficit-reduction bill and is supposed to raise \$127 million this fiscal year. Depending on the boat's size, the fee would range from \$25 to \$100 per boat. Panel members called the fee a tax on boaters.

"This is not a user fee," said Don Young, R-Alaska. "It's a straight out flat tax."

If the fee were rescinded, the panel would have to find other funding to replace the revenue it was to raise, and members have yet to agree on how to do that.

Some members have recommended an increase in other vessel fees, including the tonnage tax levied on foreign vessels entering U.S. ports.

RIVERS, LANDS bills agreed to by House Interior subcommittee.

A House Interior subcommittee yesterday approved, by voice vote, several land bills, including a bill (HR 476) that would protect 15 Michigan rivers. The bill is opposed by the House member whose district includes most of the af-

fected lands.

As approved by the National Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee, the bill would protect, in various ways, 544 miles of land along the rivers.

Robert W. Davis, R-Mich., has complained in the past, however, that landowners in his district have not received adequate assurances as to how the bill might affect them and restrict their development rights. A similar bill passed the House last year but was not taken up by the Senate.

The subcommittee also approved a Senate-passed bill (S 292) that would add more than 3,500 acres to the Saguaro National Monument in Arizona. The measure is aimed at protecting stands of the saguaro cactus that are threatened by the rapidly growing city of Tucson.

SUBPOENAS supported by panel for agency documents.

A House Government Operations subcommittee agreed yesterday to issue subpoenas to require the Departments of Education and Agriculture to hand over documents to the subcommittee.

The Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee voted, 9-0, to subpoena the Department of Agriculture's Office of General Counsel to turn over documents relating to advice given to agency policy-makers on meat and poultry inspection issues. General Counsel Alan Raul argues that the material is protected under the principle that communications between an attorney and a client should not be available to the public.

The subcommittee also voted 6-3 to issue a subpoena to the Department of Education to look at documents regarding the department's review of a private agency that uses racial and cultural diversity as a criterion in accrediting colleges and universities.

The Education Department has invoked executive privilege in withholding material, and both departments have argued that internal communication between policy makers needs protection to encourage a candid exchange of information and opinions.

The subpoena orders must now be signed by Committee Chairman John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., in order to have effect. Conyers is expected to sign them soon.

HATFIELD GIFTS being investigated by Senate Ethics panel.

The Senate Ethics Committee is investigating at least \$14,300 in gifts and free travel that Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., received from the president of the University of South Carolina and a related foundation, according to *The Associated Press*.

Hatfield received the gifts and travel

from 1983-1987. After it was disclosed in March that Hatfield had failed to report the gifts to the Senate, the Ethics panel began its probe.

The FBI is also investigating Hatfield's financial ties with former University of South Carolina President James Holderman, who resigned last year and is now under indictment for unrelated charges of tax evasion and improperly trying to use his position for private gain.

A May 10 Ethics Committee letter requesting that the university provide documentation regarding the gifts was the first indication that the panel had begun formally reviewing the senator's actions. The panel also asked for information on a full scholarship that the university awarded to Hatfield's son, Charles.

The panel is expected to look into whether the gifts were designed to buy influence. Hatfield, who at the time was chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, received the gifts when the university was trying to get federal grants.

CIA NOMINATION greeted with support, caution.

Senate reaction was generally favorable following President Bush's announcement yesterday that he has nominated deputy national security adviser Robert M. Gates to be head of the CIA. But questions about Gate's role, if any, in the Iran-contra affair will likely be a focus of Gate's upcoming confirmation hearings.

Gates, 47, a career intelligence official, was nominated in 1987 to head the CIA, but he asked that his name be withdrawn following repeated Senate questioning on how much he knew about the Iran-contra deal. Gates was deputy CIA director from 1982-1986 and acting director in 1986 during the illness of Director William J. Casey. Gates denied any involvement at the time.

"I don't think it's [Iran-contra] going to be an issue now," said Frank H. Murkowski, R-Alaska, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. He added that in 1987 it was "too hot an issue" for some members, but "now they have either left the committee or have indicated that they will support Gates."

David L. Boren, D-Okla., chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said he "welcomes" the nomination of Gates and plans to support it.

Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, said he would wait until after the hearing process to decide whether or not to support the nomination.

But Ohio Democrat Howard M. Metzenbaum said he was "surprised and disappointed" by the Gates nomination because many questions remain unanswered about Gates' role in Iran-contra.

Gates would replace William H. Webster, who resigned last week after nearly four years as CIA director. ■

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Both Budget Committee chairmen, Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., in the Senate and Leon E. Panetta, D-Calif., in the House, oppose the amendment and will work to remove it in conference.

Brown and Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, have warned that they will attempt to defeat the conference report on the Senate floor if the amendment is dropped.

Another provision added by the Senate, which would allow a later vote on a bill to increase Social Security benefits for people born between 1917 and 1921 is likely to face strong opposition in conference. The Social Security "notch" causes a difference in benefits for these elderly, but there is disagreement about whether or not the difference is really unfair. Congress in the past has refused to address the notch problem and is not likely to make any change this year.

Appropriations Markups: Three House Appropriations subcommittees will meet today to mark up fiscal 1992 spending bills for programs under their jurisdictions.

The 13 Appropriations subcommittee chairmen met yesterday to set spending levels for the subcommittees. The full committee must formally approve the allocations.

Energy and Water. At today's Energy and Water Development Subcommittee markup, one of the most contentious topics is likely to be the \$8 billion-plus atom smasher being built in Texas.

The Bush administration has requested \$534 million, but the subcommittee is likely to approve considerably less. Last year, Congress appropriated \$243 million for the project.

Also likely to trigger debate is the military portion of the bill — the measure includes funding for defense programs within the Energy Department.

Subcommittee members are expected to approve more than the \$3.7 billion the president has requested for environmental cleanup of nuclear weapons plants.

Last year, Congress appropriated \$20.2 billion for the programs under the panel's jurisdiction.

VA-HUD. The bill being marked up by the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Subcommittee funds a wide range of activities, including housing, environmental protection and space programs.

The administration has requested \$15.7 billion for NASA this year but will likely receive less for the space agency. Appropriators are expected to approve less than the \$2.2 billion the White

House is seeking for the space station.

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack F. Kemp has said he will recommend that the president veto the panel's spending bill if appropriators don't provide the \$865 million Kemp wants for a pet program to enable public housing tenants to buy their homes.

Congress appropriated \$78.1 billion for VA-HUD programs in fiscal 1991.

Military Construction. The bill being marked up by the Military Construction Subcommittee funds construction of military facilities and housing. One of the few controversial items is construction of an airbase in Italy.

The fiscal 1991 military construction bill totaled \$8.4 billion.

Environmental Cleanup: A bill that would give the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states greater power to require federal agencies to obey hazardous waste regulations is slated for markup by the Senate Environment Committee today.

The measure would give states and EPA the authority to issue administrative orders, backed up by potential fines, to force federal agencies to comply with the Resource Recovery and Conservation Act (RCRA), which essentially bars the indefinite storage of untreated hazardous wastes.

The Defense and Energy departments, which have nearly 5,000 hazardous waste sites awaiting cleanup, have claimed "sovereign immunity" from states' enforcement of RCRA laws. State environment officials and environmental activists say that the Energy Department has regularly broken voluntary agreements to clean up waste sites and that only the power to fine agencies will force compliance.

Several senators, including committee member John W. Warner, R-Va., may push for exemptions for the Department of Defense (DOD), as in the case of munitions disposal. They are not expected to try to amend the bill at this stage but may try to work out a deal prior to floor consideration.

Pentagon officials also say it is unfair for military ships and DOD's sewage facilities to be subject to RCRA regulation when private-sector ships and sewage facilities are not.

Veterans' Education: Because the Persian Gulf War ended so quickly, some of the reservists who served in Operation Desert Shield/Storm are not now eligible for preferential treatment by local employment services offices, as are other veterans. The bill (HR 1108) that the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Education, Training and Employment will mark up today would change that.

Under current law, a member of the

reserves has to serve 180 days on active duty to qualify for special assistance in finding a job. HR 1108 would reduce the time requirement to 90 days for reservists who served in the Persian Gulf War.

No amendments are expected.

Immigration Markup: The House Judiciary Subcommittee on International Law, Immigration and Refugees will mark up legislation (S 296) that would grant immigrant status to aliens who have served at least 12 years in the U.S. armed forces, allowing them to apply for U.S. citizenship.

Under current law, aliens must be residents in order to achieve immigrant status. The bill would exclusively affect nonresident Filipinos, who can enlist due to a treaty between the United States and the Philippines allowing them to serve in the U.S. military.

These personnel serve as support staff, especially on naval ships. The bill also applies to those who served 12 or more years and were honorably discharged.

S 296 has passed the Senate and is expected to have no trouble in committee or on the House floor.

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Committee Meetings Today

Senate Committees

1990 FARM BILL TRADE TITLE IMPLEMENTATION Senate Agriculture Committee

The full committee (Chairman Leahy, D-Vt.) will hold a hearing to review implementation of the trade provisions of the 1990 farm bill.

10am SR-332 Russell Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Ronald Roskens - administrator, Agency for International Development; Richard Crowder - Agriculture Department; John Gordley - Export Processing Industry Coalition; Steven McCoy - North America Export Grain Coalition; Charles Sykes - CARE

FY92 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS Senate Appropriations Committee

Interior Subcommittee (Chairman Byrd, D-W.Va.) will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

10am SD-116 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: J. Carter Brown - director, National Gallery of Art; Robert Adams - secretary, Smithsonian Institution

FY92 VA, HUD APPROPRIATIONS Senate Appropriations Committee

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Mikulski, D-Md.) will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

1:30pm SD-138 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witness scheduled: Commission on National Service; Points of Light Foundation; Richard Schubert - president and chief executive officer, Points of Light Foundation

MATH & SCIENCE EDUCATION DOD EFFORTS TO IMPROVE Senate Armed Services Committee

Defense Industry and Technology Subcommittee (Chairman Bingaman, D-N.M.) will hold a hearing on the Defense Department's activities supporting science, math and technological education at all levels.

10am SR-222 Russell Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: H. Steven Kimmel - deputy director, Defense Research and Engineering, Defense Department; H. Kent Bowen - engineering professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Michael Thomas - dean of engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology; Henry Yang - dean of engineering, Purdue University

DOD MEDICAL PROGRAMS FY92-93 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION Senate Armed Services Committee

Manpower and Personnel Subcommittee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will continue hearings on the president's fiscal 1992-93 defense authorization request, focusing on medical programs at the Defense Department.

9:30am SH-216 Hart Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Enrique Mendez Jr. - assistant secretary of Defense for health affairs; Lt. Gen. Frank Ledford - surgeon general, Army; Vice Adm. James Zimble - surgeon general, Navy; Lt. Gen. Monte Miller - surgeon general, Air Force; David Bane - director, federal health care delivery

issues, General Accounting Office (GAO); Stephen Backhus - assistant director, defense health, GAO; Michael Zieman - representative, National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals; Joy Midman - executive director, National Association of Psychiatric Treatment Centers for Children

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE PRGMS FY92-93 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION Senate Armed Services Committee

Readiness, Sustainability and Support Subcommittee (Chairman Dixon, D-Ill.) will continue hearings on the president's fiscal 1992-93 defense authorization request, focusing on operation and maintenance programs.

2pm SR-222 Russell Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Donald Shycoff - deputy comptroller, Defense Department; Barbara Lieby - deputy director, operations division, office of the assistant secretary of the Army; Rear Adm. William Hancoch - director, operations division, office of the Navy comptroller; Brig. Gen. J.C. Arick - director, facilities and services division, Marine Corps; Brig. Gen. John Finan - director of budget operations, office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force

BANK INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING Senate Banking Committee

The full committee (Chairman Riegle, D-Mich.) will continue hearings on proposals to restructure the banking industry.

10:30am SD-538 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Banking and Commerce: E. Gerald Corrigan - president, New York Federal Reserve; Henry Kaufman - former chief economist, Salomon Bros.

PIPELINE SAFETY Senate Commerce Committee

Surface Transportation Subcommittee (Chairman Exon, D-Neb.) will hold an oversight hearing on pipeline safety.

1:30pm SR-253 Russell Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Travis Duncan - Transportation Department; George Tenley - Office of Pipeline Safety; Jim Kolstad - National Transportation Safety Board; Bruce Ellsworth - Association of Regulatory Utility Commissions; Patrick Clarke - American Gas Association; John Kobase - Interstate Natural Gas Association; William Thacker - Association of Oil Pipelines

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP: ENERGY STRATEGY Senate Energy Committee

The full committee (Chairman Johnston, D-La.) will continue to mark up the National Energy Security Act of 1991 (S 341).

9:30am SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Note: The committee is tentatively scheduled to continue marking up the bill as follows: Title XI - CAFE; Title XI - ANWR; Title XV - PUHCA; Title VII - Strategic Petroleum Reserve

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE Senate Energy Committee

Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Bradley, D-N.J.) will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

2pm SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

★ New listing

■ Revised listing

Senate continued.

Agenda:

S 586 - provide authority to the secretary of the Interior to undertake certain activities to reduce the impacts of drought conditions. *Short title: Reclamation Drought Act*

S 711 - authorize the secretary of the Interior to undertake certain activities to reduce the impacts of drought conditions

HR 355 - amend the Reclamation States Drought Assistance Act of 1988 to extend the period of time during which drought assistance may be provided by the secretary of the Interior

S 404 - Authorize the secretary Interior to enter into contracts pursuant to the Warren Act. (Act of February 21, 1911, 36 Stat 925, 43 US Code 523 et seq.) for domestic, municipal, fish and wildlife, and other beneficial purposes

Witnesses scheduled: Dennis Underwood - commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Daniel Sumner - deputy assistant secretary of Agriculture; Doug Wheeler - California Resources Agency; Sheila Lodge - mayor, Santa Barbara, Calif; Edward Osann - National Wildlife Federation; Tony Willardson - Western States Water Council

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP: FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Senate Environment Committee

The full committee (Chairman Burdick, D-N.D.) will mark up legislation (S 596 - Federal Facility Compliance Act of 1991) to provide that federal facilities meet federal and state environmental laws and requirements and to clarify that such facilities must comply with such environmental laws and requirements.

10am SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

FEMA OVERSIGHT

Senate Environment Committee

Water Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee (Chairman Moynihan, D-N.Y.) will hold a hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency, focusing on lessons learned from Hurricane Hugo and the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake.

2:30pm SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

U.N. CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

The full committee (Chairman Pell, D-R.I.) will hold a hearing on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

10am SD-419 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: William Reilly - administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Curtis Bohlen - assistant secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; James Gustav Speth - president, World Resources Institute; Michael McCloskey - chairman, Sierra Club; William Nitze - president, Alliance to Save Energy; Mike McCoy - director, Organization of Citizen's Networks for UNCED

IMPROVING ECONOMIC STATISTICS Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

Government Information and Regulation Subcommittee (Chairman Bingaman, D-N.M.) will hold a hearing on the president's initiative for improving economic statistics generated by the government.

1:30pm SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

★ New listing

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL 1: Michael Boskin - chairman, President's Council on Economic Advisors

PANEL 2: Gail Fosler - chief economist, The Conference Board; David Devlin - vice president, Citibank; Courtenay Slater - Slater-Hall Information Products; Joel Popkin - president, Joel Popkin and Company

RISING CORPORATE SALARIES

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee (Chairman Levin, D-Mich.) will hold a hearing on the trend of dramatically rising salaries for top corporate executives.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Graef Crystal - adjunct professor, Walter Haas School of Business Administration, University of California at Berkeley; Nell Minow - president, Institutional Shareholders Services; Ralph Whitworth - president, United Shareholders Association; Robert Monks - president, Institutional Shareholders Partners, Inc.; Linda Quinn - director, Division of Corporate Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission

NATIVE AMERICANS ACT AUTHORIZATION

Senate Indian Affairs Committee

The full committee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) will hold a hearing on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Native Americans Programs Act.

9:30am SR-485 Russell Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL 1: Joanne Barnhart - Assistant Secretary, Administration of Families and Children, Department of Health and Human Services;

PANEL 2: John Echolaw - executive director, Native American Rights Fund; Wayne Ducheneaux - president, National Congress of American Indians; David Lester - executive director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes; Conrad Edwards - executive director, Council for Tribal Employment Rights

PANEL 3: Jacob Viarrial - governor, Pueblo of Pojoaque, N.M.; Peterson Zah - president, Navajo Nation Council; Vivian Juan - trustee, United National Indian Tribal Youth Inc.; Julie Kitkah - president, Ala. Federation of Natives

PANEL 4: Lee Ann Tallbear - director, National American Indian Council; Williamson Chang - Native Hawaiian Advisory Council; Donald Widdiss - president, Wampanoag Tribal Council, Grayhead, Mass.

STRENGTHENING CRIME CONTROL Senate Judiciary Committee

The full committee (Chairman Biden, D-Del.) will hold hearings on legislative proposals to strengthen crime control focusing on the views of law enforcement officials.

10am SD-226 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL 1: Dewey Stokes - national president, Fraternal Order of Police, Galloway, Ohio; Charles Meeks - executive director, National Sheriff's Association; Johnny Hughes - legislative chairman, National Trooper's Coalition; Ernest Preate - attorney general, State of Pa.

PANEL 2: William Wilkins, Jr., chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Thomas Charron - president elect, National District Attorney's Association

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Senate Judiciary Committee

The full committee (Chairman Biden, D-Del.) will hold a hearing on pending

nominations.

2pm SD-226 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Agenda:

Emilio Garza to be U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the 5th Circuit

Sharon Blackburn to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Ala.

Louis Freeh to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of N.Y.

Ira Raphaelson to be Special Counsel of the Financial Institutions Fraud Unit, Department of Justice

FOOD & DRUG ADMINISTRATION Senate Labor Committee

The full committee (Chairman Kennedy, D-Mass.) will hold a hearing on the final report from president's advisory committee on the Food and Drug Administration.

9:15am SD-430 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL 1: Louis W. Sullivan - secretary of Health and Human Services

PANEL 2: Charles Edwards - president and chief executive officer, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation; Sherwin Gardner - vice president for science and technology, Grocery Manufacturers of America; Lawrence Horowitz - doctor, Palo Alto, Calif.; Frank Samuel Jr. - former president, Health Industry Manufacturers Association

House Committees

ELDER ABUSE

House Select Aging Committee

Human Services Subcommittee (Chairman Downey, D-N.Y.) will hold a hearing on the possible solutions to the problems associated with the abuse of senior citizens.

9:30am B-318 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL 1: Rep. Oskar, D-Ohio

PANEL 2: Gregory McDonald - associate director, Income Security Issues, GAO

PANEL 3: Rosalie Wolf - president, National Committee for the Prevention of Elderly Abuse; John Regan - professor, Hofstra University School of Law; James Bergman - executive director, Healthways Foundation

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

House Agriculture Committee

The full committee (Chairman de la Garza, D-Texas) will mark up pending legislation.

9:30am 1300 Longworth Bldg. May 15

Agenda:

HR 35 - designate certain lands in the State of North Carolina as wilderness

S 483 - Taconic Mountains Protection Act of 1991

FY92 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

House Appropriations Committee

Agriculture Rural Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Whitten, D-Miss.) will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

1pm 2362 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla.; E. Thomas Coleman, R-Mo.; Jack Somerville - California Association of Resource Conservation Districts; Ernest Shea - National Association of Conservation Districts; Norman Berg - Soil and Water Conservation Society; Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa.; Rep. Jan Meyers, R-Kan.; Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas; Rep. Sid

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Morrison, R-Wash.; John Mixon - National Association of State Foresters; Randall McCain - American Association of Retired Persons; Alice Wohlburck - National Association of Development Organizations; Anna Moser - Council for Rural Housing and Development; Mark Elis Tipton - National Association of Homebuilders; Ron Pacella - National Utility Contractors Association; Ben Bolusky - American Association of Nurserymen; Gov. George Mickelson, R-S.D.; Richard Allison - American Institute of Nutrition; Katherine Ozur - National Family Farm Coalition; Flaminia Mangone - Interstate Council on Water Policy; Grace Ellen Rice - American Farm Bureau Federation; Carol Cox - Texas Food and Fibers Coalition; Billy Wilson - National Watershed Coalition; Rep. Mike Kopetski, D-Ore.; Rep. George Brown Jr., D-Calif.; Rep. Mike Espy, D-Miss.; Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore.; Brenda Kirk - National Association of WIC directors; Rep. Robin Tallon, D-S.C.; representative, University of Florida

★ **SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:**
FY92 ENERGY & WATER APPROPS
House Appropriations Committee

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Chairman Bevill, D-Ala.) will mark up fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

10am 2362 Rayburn Bldg. open/may close May 15

FY92 LABOR, HHS APPROPS
House Appropriations Committee

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Natcher, D-Ky.) will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

10am and 2pm 2358 Rayburn Bldg. May 15
Witnesses scheduled: members of Congress and public witnesses

★ **SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:**
FY92 MILCON APPROPS
House Appropriations Committee

Military Construction Subcommittee (Chairman Hefner, D-N.C.) will mark up fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

1:30pm B-300 Rayburn Bldg. open/may close May 15

★ **SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:**
FY92 VA HUD APPROPS
House Appropriations Committee

VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Traxler, D-Mich.) will mark up fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

Noon H-143 Capitol Bldg. open/may close May 15

ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT**House Armed Services Committee**

Investigations Subcommittee (Chairman Mavroules, D-Mass.) will hold a hearing on the Defense Department's implementation of the economic adjustment portion of the fiscal 1991 defense authorization (PL 101-510). The provision was designed to aid communities affected by defense budget cuts.

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10am 2118 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Reps. Gephardt, D-Mo.; Gejdenson, D-Conn.; Weiss, D-N.Y.; Machtley, R-R.I.; Sean O'Keefe - comptroller, Defense Department; Christopher Jehn - assistant secretary of Defense for force management and personnel; Robert Rauner - director, Defense Department Office of Economic Adjustment

■ **INTERSTATE BRANCHING**
OF BANKS

House Banking Committee

Economic Stabilization Subcommittee (Chairman Carper, D-Del.) will hold a hearing on the economic implications of the Treasury proposal to allow interstate branching of banks.

10am 2222 Rayburn Bldg. May 15**Witnesses scheduled:**

PANEL: Robert Glauber - under secretary of the Treasury for finance

PANEL: Keith Ellis - Delaware Bank Commissioner; Paul Horvitz - professor, University of Houston; Sandra McCreery - lecturer, University of Colorado; Walter Hellstein - law professor, University of Georgia; A. Pearce Stone - president, Independent Bankers Association of America

■ **FINANCIAL CONDITION OF**
MORTGAGE AGENCIES

House Banking Committee

Housing and Community Development Subcommittee (Chairman Gonzalez, D-Texas) will hold a series of hearings on the financial conditions and risks associated with the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Banks.

10am 2128 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Jerome Powell - assistant secretary of Treasury for Domestic Finance; Robert Reischauer - director, Congressional Budget Office; Harry Havens - assistant comptroller general, General Accounting Office

ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICA'S**House Banking Committee**

International Development, Trade, Finance, and Monetary Policy Subcommittee (Chairman Oaker D-Ohio) will hold a hearing on the administration's proposal on the Enterprise for the America's Initiative. The initiative consists of programs designed to promote investment in Latin American nations and forgive some forms of official debt.

2:30pm 2220 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: David Mulford - undersecretary of the Treasury for International affairs; Peter Hakim - staff director, Inter-American Dialogue; Gene Gibson - consulting attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council

DESERT STORM COSTS**House Budget Committee**

The full committee (Chairman Panetta, D-Calif.) will hold a hearing to receive an update on the costs of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

9am, 210 Cannon Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Sean O'Keefe - comptroller, Defense Department; Richard Hecklinger - principal deputy assistant secretary of State for economic and business affairs; representative from the Treasury Department; Frank Conahan - assistant comptroller general, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**House Education and Labor Committee**

Postsecondary Education Subcommittee (Chairman Ford, D-Mich.) will continue hearings on the reauthorization of the 1965 Higher Education Act.

9:30am 2175 Rayburn Bldg. May 15**Witnesses scheduled:**

PANEL 1: Rep. Ford, D-Tenn.

PANEL 2: Daniel Saracino - dean of admissions, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif.; Paula Martin - East Harlem College and Career Counseling Program, New York, N.Y.; Eleanor Chelinski - assistant comptroller general for programs evaluation and methodology, General Accounting Office; Cornelius Foley - president, State of New York Higher Education Services Corporation, Albany, N.Y.; Kristine MacDermott - assistant provost for enrollment management, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio; Arnoldo Rodriguez - principal, McAllen, Texas; John Jensen - president, HEP/CAMP Association, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho

■ **U.S.-MEXICO FREE TRADE**
House Energy Committee

Commerce, Consumer Protection and Competitiveness Subcommittee (Chairman Collins, D-Ill.) will hold hearings on the proposed U.S.-Mexico Free Trade Agreement.

10am 2322 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: William Lehman - inspector, Agriculture Department

PANEL 1: Steve Beckman - United Auto Workers; Michael Baroody - National Association of Manufacturers; William Cunningham - AFL-CIO; Joanne Thornton - Credit Lyonnais Washington Research Group

PANEL 2: Robert Miller - Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association; Roberto Salinas - Center for Free Enterprise Research; William Spriggs - Economic Policy Institute; Diego Asencio - Commission for the Study of International Migration and Cooperative Economic Development; Robert Cohen - Economic Strategy Institute

BLOOD SUPPLY SAFETY**House Energy Committee**

Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee (Chairman Dingell, D-Mich.) will continue hearings on the safety of the nation's blood supply.

10am 2123 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: David Figueroa - former Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center employee; William Teague - president and CEO, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center

■ **BROADCASTING ISSUES**
PUBLIC INTEREST STANDARDS
House Energy Committee

Telecommunications and Finance Subcommittee (Chairman Markey, D-Mass.) will hold hearings on public interest standards in broadcasting.

10am 2218 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

Witnesses scheduled: Edward Fritts - National Association of Broadcasters; Andrew Schwartzman - Media Access Project; Robert Novik - president, WKIP-AM; Randall Smith - vice president, WPHL-TV; Robert Townsend - president, Gannett Television Group; Beverly Chain - United Church of Christ Office of Communication; Anthony Bosco - U.S. Bishop's Committee on Communication

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House continued...

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INTERNATIONAL ISSUES **House Judiciary Committee**

Intellectual Property and Judicial Administration Subcommittee (Chairman Hughes, D-N.J.) will hold an oversight hearings on intellectual property and international issues with specific emphasis on multilateral and bilateral treaty negotiations.

9:30am 2237 Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

Witnesses scheduled: Carla Hills - U.S. Trade Representative; Jack Valenti - president, Motion Picture Association of America; Gerald Messinghoff - president, Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: **PRIVATE IMMIGRATION RULES** **House Judiciary Committee**

International Law, Immigration and Refugees Subcommittee (Chairman Mazzoli, D-Ky.) will meet to consider pending business.

10am 2226 Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

Agenda:

S 296 - to provide for special immigrant status for certain aliens who have served honorably (or are enlisted to serve) in the U.S. armed forces for at least 12 years. To adopt rules of procedure for private immigration bills

IMPLEMENTING THE IMMIGRATION ACT **House Judiciary Committee**

International Law, Immigration and Refugees Subcommittee (Chairman Mazzoli, D-Ky.) will hold an oversight hearing the implementation of the Immigration Act of 1990.

following subcommittee markup (above)
2226 Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

SEAFOOD SAFETY **House Merchant Marine Committee**

Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Studds, D-Mass) will hold an oversight hearing on seafood safety.

10am 1334 Longworth Bldg. **May 15**

Witnesses scheduled: John Liston - University of Washington Institute for Food Science and Technology; Robert Bowen - University of Massachusetts Environmental Sciences Program; Douglas Archer - Food and Drug Administration; Thomas Bliley - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Ken Moore - Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Commission; Lee Weddig - National Fisheries Institute; Tim Smith - Pacific Coast Oyster Association

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ON ACTIVE DUTY

House Post Office Committee

Compensation and Employee Benefits

Subcommittee (Chairman Ackerman, D-N.Y.) will hold a hearing on the benefits available to federal employees called to active military duty.

1pm 311 Cannon Bldg. **May 15**

Witnesses scheduled: Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.; Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon, R-N.Y.; Christopher Jehn - assistant secretary of Defense for management; Claudia Coole - associate director, Office of Personnel Management; Francis Cavanaugh - executive director, Federal Retirement and Thrift Incentive Association; Vincent Sambrotto - president, National Association of Letter Carriers; John Sturdivant - president, American Federation of Government Employees; William Burrus - vice president, American Postal Workers Union; Maureen Gilman - assistant director, National Treasury Workers Union; John Neiman - National Federation of Federal Employees

AVIATION BILLS **House Public Works Committee**

Aviation Subcommittee (Chairman Oberstar, D-Minn.) will hold a hearing on pending aviation bills.

9:30am 2167 Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

Background: The subcommittee will hear testimony on several bills aimed at strengthening the nation's airlines, improving service and boosting competition. One bill (HR 2074) would tighten federal control over sales of airline routes, bar computer reservation systems from favoring some airlines over others and allow additional foreign investment, under limited circumstances, in U.S. airlines to keep them from going under.

Agenda:

HR 66 - to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 relating to bankruptcy transportation plans
HR 782 - to reduce under certain circumstances the percentage of voting interests of air carriers which are required to be owned or controlled by persons who are citizens of the United States
HR 2037 - to enhance air carrier competition and improve air carrier passenger services
HR 2074 - to enhance competition among air carriers
HR 2268 - to improve air service to small communities

Witnesses scheduled: Ken Mead - General Accounting Office; Jeff Shane - assistant secretary of Transportation; J. Randolph Babbitt - Air Line Pilots Association; Raymond Vecchi - Alaska Airlines; A. M. Lenza - System One Corp; Philip Davidoff - American Society of Travel Agents; Margie Crace - National Business Travel Association; Marshall Sinick - Aloha Airlines; Greg Schmidt - American Association of Discount Travel Brokers

FEMA DISASTER RELIEF

House Public Works Committee

Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee (Chairman Borski, D-Pa.) will hold a hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's federal disaster relief program.

9:30am 2253 Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

Witnesses scheduled: Dennis Underwood - commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Daniel Sumner - deputy assistant secretary of Agriculture; Doug Wheeler - California Resources Agency; Sheila Lodge - mayor, Santa Barbara, Calif; Edward Osann - National Wildlife Federation; Tony Willardson - Western States Water Council

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: **EDUCATION BENEFITS & GULF WAR VETS**

House Veterans' Affairs Committee

Education, Training and Employment Subcommittee (Chairman Penny, D-Minn.) will mark up legislation (HR 1108) to restore certain education benefits of individuals serving as part of Operation Desert Shield of Operation Desert Storm.

9am 334 Cannon Bldg. **May 15**

VA ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROMOTION **House Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Education, Training and Employment Subcommittee (Chairman Penny, D-Minn.) will hold a hearing on legislation (HR 1404) to establish programs and undertake efforts to assist and promote the creation, development, and growth of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.

immediately following markup (above) 334 Cannon Bldg. **May 15**

Witnesses scheduled: Catherine Marshall - associate deputy administrator for special programs, Small Business Administration; David Lewis - assistant secretary for acquisitions and facilities, Veterans' Affairs Department; Daniel Kyte - assistant chief, domiciliary care programs, Veterans' Affairs Department, Mountain Home, Tenn.; Ronald Drach - national employment director, Disabled American Veterans; William Elmore - executive director, Missouri Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program; Cecil Byrd - executive director, National Association of Concerned Veterans; Cliff DuPree - associate legislative director, Paralyzed Veterans of America; James Magill - director, national legislative service, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Conference Committees

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Conferees will meet on a resolution (H Con Res 121) revising the congressional budget for the U.S. government for fiscal year 1991 and setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. government for the fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996.

2pm SD-608 Dirksen Bldg. **May 15**

News Events Scheduled Today

The *Monitor* has received notice of the following events scheduled to take place in Washington. Associations, non-profit organizations and public interest groups who wish to have events listed in the section should send pertinent information to: The Congressional Monitor, Other Events Editor, 1414 22nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Notices must include a telephone number. Notices may be transmitted by facsimile to 728-1862, attn: Robert Healy. Only events related to Congress can be listed. Deadline is Noon. For further information call (202) 887-8686.

NUCLEAR POWER CONFERENCE

The American Nuclear Energy Council holds the 1991 Nuclear Power Assembly. Second and final day.

8am, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W. (except where noted) **May 15**
Contact: 202-484-2670, or the hotel, 202-737-1234

Highlights

8am: Breakfast speech by Rep. Norman Lent, R-N.Y. Monocle Restaurant, 107 D St. NE

BIOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

The Association of Biotechnology Companies holds its third annual ABC Council of Biotechnology Centers conference. Third of four days.

8:30am, Ramada Renaissance Hotel Techworld, 999 Ninth St. N.W. **May 15**
Contact: 202-234-3330, or hotel, 202-898-8000

Highlight

Noon: Luncheon remarks by Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif.

U.S.-MEXICO FREE TRADE

The Center for Strategic and International Studies Congressional Study Group on Mexico and the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey sponsor a seminar on free trade and the proposed U.S.-Mexican free trade agreement.

8:30am to 4pm, SD-192 Dirksen Bldg. (8:30am to 11:30am) and room SD-215 Dirksen Bldg. (noon to 4pm) **May 15**

Contact: Stephanie Heier, 202-775-3176

Highlights

8:30am: Welcoming remarks by Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla.

8:40am to 10am: Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., chairs a panel discussion titled, "Environment and Free Trade."

10am to 11:30am: Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chairs a panel discussion on "Business Opportunities and Free Trade."

Noon to 1:30pm: Panel discussion on "The U.S. and Mexico in Global Perspective" with Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, Mexican Commerce Secretary Jaime Serra and State Department Counselor Robert Zoellick.

1:30pm to 3pm: Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., chairs a panel discussion on "Labor and Free Trade."

BROADCAST DEREGULATION NEWS CONFERENCE

A coalition of broadcast watchdog groups hold a news conference to present research results to support its argument that broadcast

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deregulation "has caused public-interest programming to decrease drastically in recent years." The coalition includes the American Civil Liberties Union, the Consumer Federation of America, the United Church of Christ and the Telecommunications Consumer Coalition. The news conference will precede testimony on subject at a hearing of the House telecommunications subcommittee.

8:30am, 2359-A Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

Contact: Beverly Chain, 216-736-2200, or Rubin Tendai, 202-543-1517

CHILD CARE NEWS CONFERENCE

The Employers Council on Flexible Compensation holds a news conference to discuss a survey of parents, employers and congressional staff on child care benefits. Ken Feltman, the council's executive director, conducts the news conference.

9am, National Press Club, 14th and F Sts. N.W., Zenger Room **May 15**

Contact: Steve Cook, 202-347-8918, or Michael Monfort, 202-659-4300

SENATE PROCEDURES: SCHEDULING, AMENDING AND FLOOR ACTION

Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a seminar on Senate procedures: scheduling, amending and floor action.

9am to 4pm, Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd St. N.W. **May 15**

Contact: Irene Cuffy at 202-887-8620

Note: There is a \$295 charge for this event. For reservations and information call the number listed above.

SERVICE EMPLOYEES CONFERENCE

The Service Employees International Union holds a conference. First of two days.

9am, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W. **May 15**

Contact: Mary Herdoiza, 202-842-3100, or the hotel, 202-737-1234

Highlights

9am to 10:30 a.m.: Speeches by Service Employees International Union President John Sweeney and Rep. William Gray, D-Pa.

2pm: News conference to release a study titled, "Strangling the States: The New Federalism at Work." The Capitol, room EF-100

TRACKING CONGRESS ELECTRONICALLY

Washington Alert of Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a seminar for government and federal agencies on "How to Track Congress Electronically."

9:30am 6th floor conference room, Congressional Quarterly, 1414 22nd St. N.W. **May 15**

Contact: David Stevens 202-887-6366

BREAST CANCER NEWS CONFERENCE

Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, D-Ohio, and members of the Breast Cancer Coalition Planning Group holds a news conference to announce the formation of the coalition, which is comprised of eight organizations seeking a more aggressive

--from Reuters

sive national policy on breast cancer research and treatment.

10:30am, 2220 Rayburn Bldg. **May 15**

Contact: Scott Frey, 202-225-5871

U.S.-MEXICO FREE TRADE

The Heritage Foundation sponsors a lecture by Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., on "The U.S.-Mexico Free Trade Agreement: Prospects for Hispanics."

Noon, Heritage Foundation, 214 Mass. Ave. N.E. **May 15**

Contact: Sara Kane, 202-546-4400 ext. 371

MAYORS EVENTS

A delegation of mayors from major cities meets with members of Congress to gain support for a national domestic agenda for America's cities. The mayors' delegation consists of David Dinkins of New York City, Richard Daley of Chicago, Ray Flynn of Boston, Mary Rhodes of Corpus Christi, Clay Dixon of Dayton, Jerry Abramson of Louisville, Sharpe James of Newark, Henry Spallone of Yonkers, Walter Kenney of Richmond, and Sheila Lodge of Santa Barbara.

Noon to 3pm, S-221 Capitol Bldg. **May 15**

Contact: Sandra Silverman, 212-736-5050, or Judy Chesser, 202-393-3903

Schedule

Noon to 1:30pm: Joint meeting with mayors and congressmen. Rayburn Building, room 2359.

1:30pm: News conference. Rayburn Building, room 2359.

3pm: Mayors meet with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine. The

WHITE HOUSE & CABINET ISSUES

Executive Branch Liaison Committee of Women in Government Relations will sponsor a luncheon meeting to hear Secretary of the Cabinet Edith Holiday discuss her function in directing the work of the Economic Policy Council and the Domestic Policy Council in formulating and implementing administration policy. Ms. Holiday also will share her experiences as a high-ranking woman in the White House.

Noon to 2pm, J.W. Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. **May 15**

Contact: Karen Myers 202-637-6700 or Susan Smith Feaster 202-463-8880

Note: There is a charge for this event of \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. For reservations send a check, made payable to WGR, to:

Karen Myers

EDS Corp.

1331 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.

Suite 1300 North

Washington, D.C. 20004

Deadline is May 10

ENERGY BRIEFING

Environmental and Energy Study Conference hosts a briefing on proposals to increase federal research and development activities as part of a national energy strategy aimed at reducing reliance on foreign oil and achieving a cleaner environment. Moderating the panel will be Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va., House chairman of the conference.

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Noon, 2203 Rayburn Bldg, May 15
Contact: 202-226-3300

WASTE NEWS CONFERENCE

Reps. Howard Wolpe, D-Mich., and Mike Synar, D-Okla., hold a news conference to discuss legislation restricting exportation of waste.

1pm, 2325 Rayburn Bldg, May 15
Contact: Link Nicoll, 202-225-5011

TORTURE NEWS CONFERENCE

Rep. Larry Smith, D-Fla., holds a news conference to announce the introduction of legislation giving federal courts the authority to hear cases brought by American torture victims against foreign nations. Scott Nelson, an American businessman who has filed suit alleging that he was tortured in Saudi Arabia, will participate in the news conference.

1pm, The Capitol, House Triangle May 15
Contact: Karin Walser, 202-225-7931

EDUCATION NEWS CONFERENCE

Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, Ted Stevens, R-Ark., and Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and NIKE President Richard Donahue announce the launching of a major new literacy project. Participants are calling the project a "milestone in the history of children's education and corporate underwriting."

1pm to 2pm, SD-192 Dirksen Bldg, May 15
Contact: Jessica Kersey, 202-828-8858

DRUGS HEARING

The Republican Research Committee's Task Force on Drugs holds a hearing on drugs on America's college campuses. Among the witnesses will be George Washington University students Kyle Farmby and Aaron Kwitten, who will discuss Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder's proposal for mandatory drug testing of all college students at the University of Virginia.

1pm to 3pm, B-318 Rayburn Bldg, May 15
Contact: Nancy Roman, 202-225-3026, or Kellie Boyet, 202-994-6460

EMPLOYMENT/CONGRESS MEETING

Members of the Alliance to Keep Americans Working meet with supporters from Congress and the Bush administration. The meeting is being held to express the alliance's appreciation for congressional and administration opposition to legislation the alliance has dubbed "strike breeder" legislation. Reps. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., and Marge Roukema, R-N.J., are expected to attend the meeting.

2pm, 2358 Rayburn Bldg, May 15
Contact: William Greener, 703-683-8936

ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND REPORTS

10am: The Commerce Department releases business inventories report for March

5pm: The Energy Information Administration releases weekly report on petroleum inventories

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House Special Election Winners

The following list shows current members of Congress, including some who are now in the Senate, who first won a seat in the House via a special election.

Democrats

Name	State	Elected
†Abercrombie, Neil	Hawaii	1986
Ackerman, Gary L.	N.Y.	1983
†Bentsen, Lloyd	Texas	1948
†Breaux, John B.	La.	1972
Browder, Glen	Ala.	1989
Chapman, Jim	Texas	1985
Clement, Bob	Tenn.	1988
Collins, Cardiss	Ill.	1973
Condit, Gary	Calif.	1989
Costello, Jerry F.	Ill.	1988
Darden, George "Buddy"	Ga.	1983
Dingell, John D.	Mich.	1955
†Fowler, Wyche Jr.	Ga.	1976
Gaydos, Joseph M.	Pa.	1968
Geren, Peter	Texas	1989
Gonzalez, Henry B.	Texas	1961
Hayes, Charles A.	Ill.	1983
Hoyer, Steny H.	Md.	1981
†Inouye, Daniel K.	Hawaii	1959
Jones, Walter B.	N.C.	1966
Kennelly, Barbara B.	Conn.	1982
Klecza, Gerald D.	Wis.	1984
Long, Jill L.	Ind.	1989
Markey, Edward J.	Mass.	1976
Martinez, Matthew G.	Calif.	1982
Mink, Patsy T.	Hawaii	1990
Murtha, John P.	Pa.	1974
Natcher, William H.	Ky.	1953
Obey, David R.	Wis.	1969
Pallone, Frank Jr.	N.J.	1988
Payne, Lewis F. Jr.	Va.	1988
Pelosi, Nancy	Calif.	1987
Perkins, Carl C.	Ky.	1984
Pickle, J. J.	Texas	1963
Roe, Robert A.	N.J.	1969
Serrano, Jose E.	N.Y.	1990
Tauzin, W. J. "Billy"	La.	1980
Taylor, Gene	Miss.	1989
Traxler, Bob	Mich.	1974
Udall, Morris K.	Ariz.	1961
Washington, Craig	Texas	1989
Whitten, Jamie L.	Miss.	1941

Republicans

Name	State	Elected
Ballenger, Cass	N.C.	1986
Coleman, Tom	Mo.	1976
Crane, Philip M.	Ill.	1969
Duncan, John J. "Jimmy" Jr.	Tenn.	1988
†Gramm, Phil	Texas	1983
Green, Bill	N.Y.	1978
Lagomarsino, Robert J.	Calif.	1974
Livingston, Robert L.	La.	1977
McCrery, Jim	La.	1988
Molinar, Susan	N.Y.	1990
Oxley, Michael G.	Ohio	1981
Petri, Tom	Wis.	1979
Porter, John	Ill.	1980
Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana	Fla.	1989
Saxton, H. James	N.J.	1984
Schaefer, Dan	Colo.	1983
Shays, Christopher	Conn.	1987
Thomas, Craig	Wyo.	1989
Vander Jagt, Guy	Mich.	1966
Young, Don	Alaska	1973

†Served from Sept. 1986-Jan. 1987. Returned to House in 1991

†Now serving in the Senate.

‡Did not fill a vacancy; elected when Hawaii became a state.

*Elected to the House as a Democrat

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Senate Committees Future Listings

Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry

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FmHA APPEAL STAFF Joint Hearing

Agriculture and Credit Subcommittee (Chairman Conrad, D-N.D.) of Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee and Government Information, Justice and Agriculture Subcommittee (Chairman Wise, D-W. Va.) of House Government Operations will hold a joint hearing on the appeals staff of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), focusing on how appeals of adverse decisions are handled and how effective the staff is in dealing with farmers during the appeals process.

9am SR-332 Russell Bldg. May 21

Appropriations

224-3471

FY92 DEFENSE APPROPS Subcommittee Hearings

Defense Subcommittee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) of Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

9am SD-192 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

Time and room TBA May 21 & 23

Agenda & witnesses scheduled:

May 16: public witnesses

May 21: Dick Cheney - secretary of Defense

May 23: Cheney (alternate date)

July 16: subcommittee markup

July 18: committee markup

FY92 ENERGY & WATER APPROPS Subcommittee Hearings

Energy and Water Development Subcommittee (Chairman Johnston, D-La.) of Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings of fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

2pm SD-192 Dirksen Bldg. May 16, 21, 23

Agenda:

May 16: environmental restoration, waste management and Department of Energy Civilian Nuclear Waste Fund

May 21: Office of Solar and Renewable Energy Research, Department of Energy; Office of Nuclear Energy Research and Development, Department of Energy

May 23: Secretary of Energy

FY92 FOREIGN OPS APPROPS Subcommittee Hearings

Foreign Operations Subcommittee (Chairman Leahy, D-Vt.) of Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

2:30pm SD-138 Dirksen Bldg. May 21; June 4

Agenda and witnesses scheduled:

May 21: Security Assistance in the Post-Cold War Era: Reginald Bartholomew - under secretary of

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State for international security affairs; Lt. Gen. Teddy Allen - director, Defense Security Assistance Agency

June 4: Aid to Africa: Herman Cohen - assistant secretary of State for African affairs; Scott Spangler - assistant administrator, Agency for International Development

FY92 INTERIOR APPROPS Subcommittee Hearings

Interior Subcommittee (Chairman Byrd, D-W. Va.) of Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

10am SD-116 Dirksen Bldg. May 15 & 16

10am S-128 Capitol Bldg. May 21

9:30am S-128 Capitol Bldg. June 5

Agenda and witnesses scheduled:

May 15: Smithsonian Institution; National Gallery of Art

May 16: Minerals Management Service; Everett Rhoades - director, Indian Health Service

May 21: secretary of Energy

June 5: secretary of the Interior; members of Congress

Date TBA: Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Mines, Office of Surface Mining

FY92 TRANSPORTATION APPROPS Subcommittee Hearings

Transportation and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Lautenberg, D-N.J.) of Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

10am SD-138 Dirksen Bldg. May 16, 23

Agenda and witnesses scheduled:

May 16: Adm. J. William Kime - commandant, U.S. Coast Guard

May 23: General Accounting Office

FY92 VA, HUD APPROPRIATIONS Subcommittee Hearings

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Mikulski, D-Md.) of Senate Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

1:30pm SD-138 Dirksen Bldg. May 15

9am and 1pm SD-138 Dirksen Bldg. May 17

2pm SD-138 Dirksen Bldg. June 5

Agenda and witnesses scheduled:

May 15: Commission on National Service; Points of Light Foundation: Richard Schubert - president and chief executive officer, Points of Light Foundation

May 17: Public witnesses

June 5: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Armed Services

224-3871

★ NAVAL PERFORMANCE IN PERSIAN GULF WAR

Senate Armed Services Committee (Chairman Nunn, D-Ga.) will hold a hearing on the Navy and Marine Corps performance during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

9am SR-222 Russell Bldg. May 16

Witnesses scheduled: Vice Adm. Stanley Arthur - Navy component commander of the Central Command; Maj. Gen. Harry Jenkins - landing force

commander; Rear Adm. David Ball - commanding officer of the USS *Wisconsin* during the war; Capt. Mike Bowman - commander of the air group on board the USS *America*; Lt. Commndr. Steve Lehr - commanding officer of USS *Leader*, a Navy minesweeper; Lt. Gen. Brenda Holder - pilot of vertical replenishment helicopter

■ MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FY92-93 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Readiness, Sustainability and Support Subcommittee (Chairman Dixon, D-Ill.) of Senate Armed Services Committee will continue hearings on the president's fiscal 1992-93 defense authorization request, focusing on the Defense Department's facility management and their military construction request.

2:30pm SR-222 Russell Bldg. May 16

Witnesses scheduled: Colin McMillan - assistant secretary of Defense; Susan Livingstone - assistant secretary of the Army; Jacqueline Schaffer - assistant secretary of the Navy; James Boatright - deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force

★ MARINE CORP CAPABILITY

Projection Forces and Regional Defense Subcommittee (Chairman Kennedy, D-Mass.) of Senate Armed Services Committee will continue hearings on the president's fiscal 1992-93 defense authorization request, focusing on the current capability of the Marine Corps to respond to potential conflicts in the Third World.

10am SR-222 Russell Bldg. May 17

Witness scheduled: Gen. Alfred Gray Jr. - commandant, Marine Corps

DOE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FY92-93 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Strategic Forces and Nuclear Deterrence Subcommittee (Chairman Exon, D-Neb.) of Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing on the president's fiscal 1992-93 defense authorization request, focusing on Energy Department environmental restoration and waste management programs associated with nuclear production facilities.

2pm SR-222 Russell Bldg. May 22

Witness scheduled: Leo Duffy - director, Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management

WOMEN IN COMBAT

Manpower and Personnel Subcommittee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) of Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing to review the policy on women serving in combat roles.

Time & room TBA June 18

Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs

224-7391

BANK INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman Riegle, D-Mich.) will continue hearings on proposals to restructure

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ture the banking industry.

10am SD-538 Dirksen Bldg. May 15, 16 and 22

Agenda and witnesses:

May 15: Banking and Commerce: E. Gerald Corrigan - president, New York Federal Reserve; Henry Kaufman - former chief economist, Salomon Bros.

May 16: Industry Perspectives

May 22: Well-run institutions

EXCHANGE RATES

International Finance and Monetary Policy Subcommittee (Chairman Sarbanes, D-Md.) of Senate Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on international exchange rates.

2pm SD-538 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

Witness scheduled: David Mulford - under secretary of the Treasury

URBAN BLACK MEN

Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee (Chairman Riegle, D-Mich.) will hold a hearing on the problems faced by urban black men in the United States

10am SD-538 Dirksen Bldg. May 21

FOREIGN BANK SUPERVISION

Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee (Chairman Dixon, D-Ill.) of Senate Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on supervision of foreign bank operations in the U.S.

10am SD-538 Dirksen Bldg. May 23

Commerce, Science & Transportation

224-5115

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD NOMINATION

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Acting Chairman Ford, D-Ky.) will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of John Hammerschmidt to be a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

2:30pm SR-253 Russell Bldg. May 16

NOAA REAUTHORIZATION

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Acting Chairman Kerry, D-Mass.) and the National Ocean Policy Study will hold a hearing on a draft bill to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

2pm SR-253 Russell Bldg. May 21

WEATHER SERVICE MODERNIZATION

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman Hollings, D-S.C.) and the National Ocean Policy Study will hold a hearing on modernization of the National Weather Service and to consider pending legis-

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lation (S 98; S 916)

10am SR-253 Russell Bldg. May 23

FCC REAUTHORIZATION

Communications Subcommittee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on the reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission.

2pm SR-253 Russell Bldg. May 23

EXPORT PROMOTION

Foreign Commerce and Tourism Subcommittee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W. Va.) of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on consolidating U.S. export promotion functions.

10am SR-236 Russell Bldg. May 23

NATIONAL TOURISM POLICY

Foreign Commerce and Tourism Subcommittee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W. Va.) of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on national tourism policy.

10:30 SR-253 Russell Bldg. June 13

RAIL SAFETY

Surface Transportation Subcommittee (Chairman Exon, D-Neb.) of Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on reauthorization of rail safety programs.

9:30am SR-253 Russell Bldg. July 16

Energy & Natural Resources

224-4971

■ FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP: ENERGY STRATEGY

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Johnston, D-La.) will continue to mark up the National Energy Security Act of 1991 (S 341).

9:30am SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. May 15, 16, 21 & 22

Note: The committee is tentatively scheduled to continue marking up the bill as follows: Title XI - alternative fuels & CAFE; Title XI - ANWR; Title XV - PUHCA; Title VII - Strategic Petroleum Reserve

The committee has tentatively completed markup of: Title IV - renewable energy; Title V - coal; Title VI - research and development; Title X - natural gas; Title XIV - uranium enrichment; Outer continental drilling (Title VIII); Title VII - Advanced nuclear reactors; Title XIII - nuclear licensing; Title III - energy efficiency; Title V - WEPco

HISTORIC & PUBLIC LANDS BILLS

Public Lands, National Parks and Forests Subcommittee (Chairman Bumpers, D-Ark.) of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

2pm SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. May 21

Agenda:

S 52/HR 1143 - Direct the secretary of the Interior

to prepare a national historic landmark theme study on American labor history

S 550 - Authorize the secretary of the Interior to designate the Nez Perce National Historical Park in the state of Idaho

S 638/HR 749 - Authorize the secretary of the Interior to accept a donation of land for addition to the Ocmulgee National Monument in the state of Georgia

S 639/HR 904 - Direct the secretary of the Interior to prepare a national historic landmark theme study on African-American history. *Short title: African-American History Landmark Theme Study Act*

S 663 - Allow the city of Pocatello, Idaho, to use certain lands for a correctional facility for women

S 749 - Rename and expand the boundaries of the Mound City Group National Monument in Ohio

S 996 - Direct the secretary of the Interior to terminate a reservation of use and occupancy at the Buffalo National River

HR 427 - Disclaim any interests of the United States in certain lands on San Juan Island, Wash.

HR 690 - Authorize the National Park Service to acquire and manage the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site

★ MINING CLAIMS

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Johnston, D-La.) will hold a hearing on legislation (S 433), the Mining Law Reform Act of 1991. The bill would change provisions in current law that allow individuals to file mining claims on federal lands without having to pay royalties to the government. The bill also would eliminate a provision that allows those who have filed a claim and discovered minerals the right to take effective title to the land for as little as \$2.50 an acre.

9:30am SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. May 23

FEDERAL POWER ACT

Water and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Bradley, D-N.J.) of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on legislation (S 106) to amend the Federal Power Act to require that decisions involving water rights and the administration and allocation of water resources be in compliance with state laws.

2pm SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. June 5

Environment & Public Works

224-6176

NUCLEAR POWER LICENSING ISSUES

Nuclear Regulation Subcommittee (Chairman Graham, D-Fla.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on legislative proposals (S 341; S 570) to streamline the licensing process for nuclear power plants.

2pm SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

SAFE DRINKING WATER

Superfund, Ocean and Water Protection Subcommittee (Chairman Lautenberg, D-N.J.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold an oversight hearing on implementation of the Safe Water Drinking Act.

10am SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. May 17

■ Revised listing

Senate continued...**CLEAN WATER ACT**

Environmental Protection Subcommittee (Chairman Baucus, D-Mont.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

10am SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. May 21

Witness scheduled: William Reilly - administrator, EPA

★ INTERIOR/NRC NOMINATIONS

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Chairman Burdick, D-N.D.) will hold a confirmation hearing on the nominations of John Hayden to be assistant secretary of the Interior, and Ivan Selin to be a commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

2:30pm SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. May 21

Finance

224-4515

FULLY DEDUCTIBLE IRAs

Senate Finance Committee (Chairman Bentsen, D-Texas) will hold a hearing on legislation (S 612 - Savings and Investment Incentive Act of 1991) that would restore provisions of law that allow anyone to contribute \$2,000 to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) tax free, alternatively, individuals could choose a plan that would tax IRA contributions, but would allow penalty-free withdrawals (after five years) to pay for buying a first house, college expenses or financially devastating medical bills.

10am SD-215 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

U.S.-JAPAN TRADE TALKS

International Trade Subcommittee (Chairman Baucus, D-Mont.) of Senate Finance Committee will continue hearings on progress made in the Structural Impediments Initiative talks between the United States and Japan. Structural impediments are non-tariff factors, such as financial and distribution systems, that have the effect of inhibiting free trade between nations.

Time TBA SD-215 Dirksen Bldg date TBA

Note: Hearings began April 15 and were recessed subject to the call of the chair.

Foreign Relations

224-4651

★ AID TO AFRICA**FY92-93 FOREIGN AID**

African Affairs Subcommittee (Chairman Simon, D-Ill.) of Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing on the president's fiscal 1992-93 foreign assistance request, focusing on aid to African countries.

2pm SD-419 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

**■ SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:
ARMS CONTROL AGENCY**

Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations Subcommittee (Chairman Kerry, D-

★ New listing

Mass.) of Senate Foreign Relations Committee will mark up draft legislation authorizing the activities of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for fiscal 1992-93.

10am SD-419 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

■ AID TO ASIA**FY92-93 FOREIGN AID**

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee (Chairman Cranston, D-Calif.) of Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing on the president's fiscal 1992-93 aid request for Asia.

10am SD-419 Dirksen Bldg. May 17

Witnesses scheduled: Richard Solomon - assistant secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Carl Ford Jr. - principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for international security affairs; Henrietta Holsman Fore - assistant administrator, Bureau for Private Enterprise, Agency for International Development;

Note: This hearing was previously scheduled for May 8.

KURDISH RELIEF EFFORT

Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Chairman Pell, D-R.I.) will hold a hearing on the effort to aid the Kurds and other refugees fleeing Iraq.

Time & room TBA Date TBA

Witness scheduled: Princeton Lyman - director, Office of Refugee Programs, State Department

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for May 8.

MOSCOW EMBASSY

Terrorism, Narcotics and International Operations Subcommittee (Chairman Kerry, D-Mass.) of Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a closed hearing on construction plans for completing or altering the new U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Time & room TBA Date TBA

Witnesses scheduled: Wayne Peal - director of the security evaluation office, CIA; Sarah Pottsai - assistant deputy director for plans and policy, National Security Agency

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for May 10.

**Governmental
Affairs**

224-4751

WOMEN & MINORITY HIRING

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold a hearing to review a General Accounting Office report on women and minority hiring.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

**CONSUMER PROTECTION &
MORTGAGE ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold a hearing on consumer protection issues in mortgage escrow accounts.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 17

**★ DOD SUB-CONTRACT
MANAGEMENT**

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold hearings on problems with Department of Defense sub-contract management.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 22

★ FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will mark up pending legislation.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 23

Agenda:

S 260 - to provide for the efficient and cost effective acquisition of nondevelopmental items for federal agencies S 533 - to establish the Department of the Environment, provide for a Bureau of Environmental Statistics and a Presidential Commission on Improving Environmental Protection

★ FEDERAL BUDGET EVALUATION

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold a hearing on legislation (S 20) to provide for the establishment and evaluation of performance standards and goals for expenditures in the federal budget.

10:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. May 23

★ FOREIGN AGENTS**REGISTRATION ENFORCEMENT**

Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee (Chairman Levin, D-Mich.) of Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the enforcement and administration of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. June 6

INSURANCE INDUSTRY FRAUD

Permanent Investigations Subcommittee (Chairman Nunn, D-Ga.) of Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will continue hearings on fraud in the insurance industry.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. June 18 & 26

Indian Affairs

224-2251

**REGULATING ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ON RESERVATION**

Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) will hold hearings on legislation (S 668) to authorize consolidated grants to Indian tribes to regulate environmental quality on Indian reservations.

9am SR-485 Russell Bldg. May 16

**COMBATING ALCOHOL &
SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) will hold hearings on legislation (S 290) to authorize funds for certain programs to combat Indian alcohol and substance abuse.

9am SR-485 Russell Bldg. May 23

INDIAN INFORMATION SERVICES

Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chair-

■ Revised listing

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man Inouye, D-Hawaii) will hold oversight hearings on Indian libraries, archives and information services.

2pm SR-485 Russell Bldg. May 23

JURISDICTION ON INDIAN LANDS

Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) will hold hearings on a recent Supreme Court ruling on the administration of justice in Indian country and proposed legislation (S 667) to reaffirm the authority of tribal governments to exercise criminal jurisdiction over all Indian reservation lands.

9:30am SR-485 Russell Bldg. June 5

Intelligence

224-1700

INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Senate Select Intelligence Committee (Chairman Boren, D-Okla.) will meet to consider intelligence matters.

2pm SH-219 Hart Bldg. closed May 16

Judiciary

224-5225

CHILDREN OF MOTHERS ON CRACK

Senate Judiciary Committee (Chairman Biden, D-Del.) will hold a hearing to review the effects of children born while their mothers were under the influence of crack cocaine.

10am SD-628 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

REVIEW OF BANKRUPTCY CODE

Courts and Administrative Practice Subcommittee (Chairman Simon, D-Ill.) of Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing review the bankruptcy code and proposals authorizing funds for bankruptcy judgeships.

2pm SD-226 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks Subcommittee (Chairman DeConcini, D-Ariz.) of Senate Judiciary Committee will hold hearings to review issues relating to intellectual property and fast-track trade authority.

10:30am SD-226 Dirksen May 16

Witnesses scheduled: Jack Valenti - chairman, Motion Picture Association of America; Howard Figueroa - vice president, community and indus-

trial relations, IBM Corp.; C.L. Clemente - vice president, Pfizer Corp.; Frank Ingari - Chairman, Ontologic

Labor & Human Resources

224-5375

ABORTION ADVICE RESTRICTIONS

Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (Acting Chairman Adams, D-Wash.) will hold a hearing on the family planning portion (title X) of the Public Health Act. This hearing will focus on Bush administration regulations, under review by the Supreme Court, that prohibit recipients of Title X funds from making abortion referrals or even mentioning abortion as an option to a woman with an unintended pregnancy.

9:30am SD-430 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (Acting Chairman Simon, D-Ill.) will hold a hearing on the activities of the Office of Civil Rights, within the Department of Education.

1pm SD-430 Dirksen Bldg. May 17

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Education, Arts and Humanities Subcommittee (Chairman Pell, D-R.I.) of Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee will continue hearings on the reauthorization of the 1965 Higher Education Act.

10am SD-430 Dirksen Bldg. May 17

Rules & Administration

224-6352

ARCHITECT'S REPORT ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Senate Rules and Administration Committee (Chairman Ford, R-Mich.) will meet to receive a report from the Architect of the Capitol and consider pending business.

10am SR-501 Russell Bldg. May 16

Agenda:

PRESENTATION BY ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL:

- 1) elevator program
- 2) electrical improvements project
- 3) recycling pilot program
- 4) Senate subway system

- 5) Senate chamber audio system
 - 6) Capitol terrace office project
 - 7) Capitol security plan
 - 8) Post office development plan
- ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 1) travel regulations
- 2) request for additional office space by California senators
- 3) other pending business

Small Business

224-5175

WETLANDS REGULATION

Senate Small Business Committee (Chairman Bumpers, D-Ark.) will hold a hearing on the impact regulations on the use of wetlands have on the operations of small businesses.

9:30 SR-428A Russell Bldg. May 16

Veterans' Affairs

224-9126

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Cranston, D-Calif.) will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

9:30am SR-418 Russell Bldg. May 23

Agenda:

- S 686 - legislation clarifying the education and re-employment rights of veterans
- HR 153 - authorize the U.S. Court of Veterans' Appeals to convene a judicial conference to make recommendations on how to improve the court's administration

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Cranston, D-Calif.) will mark up pending legislation.

9:30am SR-418 Russell Bldg. June 6 & 26

VETERANS' DISABILITY

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Cranston, D-Calif.) will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

9:30am SR-418 Russell Bldg. June 12

Agenda:

- S 775 - increase the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans
- S 127 - increase the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

House Committees Future Listings

Aging

■ SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES

Retirement, Income and Employment Subcommittee (Chairman Hughes, D-N.J.) of House Select Aging Committee will hold a hearing on the services provided by the Social Security Administration.

10am 345 Cannon Bldg. May 23

Witnesses scheduled:

PANEL 1: Gwendolyn King - commissioner, Social Security Administration

PANEL 2: Peter Toland - president, Social Security Management Association; Stan Kress - president, National Council of Disability Determination Directors; Linda Thomas - claims representative, Social Security Administration

PANEL 3: Arthur Flemming - president, Save Our Security; Robert Tobias - president, National Treasury Employees Union; Martha McSteen - president, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare

DO-IT-YOURSELF PENSIONS

Retirement, Income and Employment Subcommittee (Chairman Hughes, D-N.J.) of House Select Aging Committee will hold a hearing on the effectiveness of do-it-yourself pensions.

10am 345 Cannon Bldg. June 13

Appropriations

225-2771

★ 602(b) APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS

House Appropriations Committee (Chairman Whitten, D-Miss.) will meet to approve 602(b) allocations (formerly known as 302(b) allocations), the total each of the 13 subcommittees can appropriate to programs under their jurisdiction.

Time and room TBA date TBA

Note: The chairmen of the appropriations subcommittees met Tuesday, May 14 to informally discuss the 602(b) allocations. Full committee action may take place at any time, on very short notice.

FY92 AGRICULTURE APPROPS

Subcommittee Hearings

Agriculture Rural Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Whitten, D-Miss.) of House Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under its jurisdiction.

1pm 2362 Rayburn Bldg. May 15 & 16

Agenda:

May 15 & 16: members of congress and public witnesses

FY92 LABOR, HHS APPROPS

Subcommittee Hearings

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee (Chairman Natcher, D-Ky.) of House Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on fiscal 1992 appropriations for programs under

its jurisdiction.

10am and 2pm 2358 Rayburn Bldg. May 15 & 16

Agenda:

May 15, 16: members of Congress and public witnesses

Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs

225-4247

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:

BANK INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING

Financial Institutions Supervision, Regulation and Insurance Subcommittee (Chairman Annunzio, D-Ill.) of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee will mark up comprehensive legislation to restructure the banking industry (HR 2094).

10am and 2pm 2128 Rayburn Bldg. May 16, 21, 22, 23

Agenda:

May 16 complete Title I and begin Title II (ownership of banks by commercial firms, securities and insurance powers for bank affiliates, SEC regulation of bank securities, interstate branching)

May 21: complete Title II and begin Title III

May 22: complete Title III, begin Title IV, begin Title V (tentative)

May 23: complete Title V and VI and final passage

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MORTGAGE AGENCIES

Housing and Community Development Subcommittee (Chairman Gonzalez, D-Texas) of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a series of hearings on the financial conditions and risks associated with the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Banks.

10am 2128 Rayburn Bldg. May 15 & 28

Agenda and witnesses scheduled:

May 15: Jerome Powell - assistant secretary of Treasury for Domestic Finance; Robert Reischauer - director, Congressional Budget Office; Harry Havens - assistant comptroller general, General Accounting Office

May 28: TBA

TRUTH-IN-SAVINGS

Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee (Chairman Torres, D-Calif.) of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the legislation (HR 447 - Truth-In-Savings Act) to require financial depository institutions to make clear and uniform disclosure of interest rates payable and fees assessable with respect to deposit accounts.

10am 2222 Rayburn Bldg. May 21

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

Consumer Affairs and Coinage Subcommittee (Chairman Torres, D-Calif.) of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on possible amendments

to the Fair Credit Reporting Act of 1971 to deal with problems of inaccuracies in reports compiled by consumer credit bureaus.

10am 2128 Rayburn Bldg June 11

Education & Labor

225-4527

■ HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Postsecondary Education Subcommittee (Chairman Ford, D-Mich.) of House Education and Labor Committee will continue hearings on the reauthorization of the 1965 Higher Education Act.

9:30am 2175 Rayburn Bldg. May 15, 21

Witnesses scheduled: See "Committee Meetings Scheduled Today" section for witnesses

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP: EDUCATION MEASURES

House Education and Labor Committee (Chairman Ford, D-Mich.) will meet to mark up pending legislation.

9:45am 2175 Rayburn Bldg. May 16

Agenda:

HR 2127 - Amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to extend the programs of such act

HR 656 - Provide for a coordinated federal research program to ensure continued U.S. leadership in high-performance computing

HR — draft legislation extending the dropout prevention program

COMPREHENSIVE DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

Field Hearing

Select Education Subcommittee (Chairman Owens, D-N.Y.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on a report by the General Accounting Office on the Comprehensive Drug Education Program.

11am Bronx, New York May 17

■ JTPA AMENDMENTS

Employment Opportunities Subcommittee (Chairman Perkins, D-Ky.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on proposed amendments to the 1982 Job Training Partnership Act to better focus benefits of the act on those most in need of job training.

2pm 2261 Rayburn Bldg. May 21

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP

Select Education Subcommittee (Chairman Owens, D-N.Y.) of House Education and Labor Committee will mark up pending legislation.

Time & room TBA Rayburn Bldg. May 21 & 30

Agenda:

May 21:

HR — Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

May 30:

HR — for the protection of Abandoned Infants

HR — respite care

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■ **U.S.-MEXICO FREE TRADE IMPLICATIONS FOR WORKERS Joint Hearing**

Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee (Chairman Williams, D-Mont.) and Employment Opportunities Subcommittee (Chairman Perkins, D-Ky.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold a joint hearing on the president's proposed trade agreements with Canada and Mexico, focusing on the implications for workers.

10am 2175 Rayburn Bldg. **May 22**

Witness scheduled: Lynn Martin - secretary of Labor

■ **TEMPORARY CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Select Education Subcommittee (Chairman Owens, D-N.Y.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on temporary care for children with disabilities.

10am 2257 Rayburn Bldg. **May 22**

★ **OLDER AMERICANS ACT**

Human Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Martinez, D-Calif.) of House Education and Labor Committee will continue hearings on the reauthorization of the 1965 Older Americans Act.

9am 2261 Rayburn Bldg. **May 23**

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT Field Hearing

Postsecondary Education Subcommittee (Chairman Ford, D-Mich.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold field hearings on the reauthorization of the 1965 Higher Education Act.

Time & site TBA Chicago, Ill. **May 24**

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT

Labor Standards Subcommittee (Chairman Murphy, D-Pa.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) of 1916.

Time & room TBA Rayburn Bldg. **Date TBA**

Note: This hearing was previously scheduled for May 9.

Energy & Commerce

225-2927

■ **NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY**

Energy and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Sharp, D-Ind.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold hearings on formulating a national energy strategy.

1pm 2359A Rayburn Bldg. **May 16**

Time & room TBA **May 22 & 29; June 5, 12 & 19**

Agenda:

May 16: Strategic Petroleum Reserve

May 22: Pipeline safety reauthorization

May 29: Energy efficiency

June 5: Natural gas

June 12: Hydroelectricity; oil pipeline regulation

June 19: Global warming

★ *New listing*

MENTAL HEALTH

Health and the Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Waxman, D-Calif.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on draft legislation, the Community Mental Health Services Improvement Act of 1991.

9:45am 2322 Rayburn Bldg. **May 16**

UNNECESSARY PACKAGING

Transportation and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee (Chairman Swift, D-Wash.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on excessive packaging that may create unnecessary waste.

9:30am 2123 Rayburn Bldg. **May 16**

Foreign Affairs

225-5021

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP: FY92-93 FOREIGN AID

House Foreign Affairs Committee (Chairman Fancell, D-Fla.) will mark up draft legislation authorizing foreign assistance programs for fiscal 1992-93.

9:30am 2172 Rayburn Bldg. **May 16**

Government Operations

225-5051

SDI OVERSIGHT

Legislation and National Security Subcommittee (Chairman Conyers, D-Mich.) of House Government Operations Committee will hold an oversight hearing on problems associated with the Strategic Defense Initiative program.

10am 2154 Rayburn Bldg. **May 16**

FHA APPEAL STAFF

Joint Hearing

Government Information, Justice and Agriculture Subcommittee (Chairman Wise, D-W. Va.) of House Government Operations Committee and Agriculture and Credit Subcommittee (Chairman Conrad, D-N.D.) of Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a joint hearing on the appeals staff of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), focusing on how appeals of adverse decisions are handled and how effective the staff is in dealing with farmers during the appeals process.

9am SR-332 Russell Bldg. **May 21**

House Administration

225-2061

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Task Force on Campaign Reform (Chairman Gejdenson, D-Conn.) of House Committee on

House Administration will continue hearings on campaign finance reform.

Time & Room TBA **May 21**

Interior & Insular Affairs

225-2761

ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY

Energy and the Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Kostmayer, D-Pa.) of House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the national energy strategy, relating to enhanced oil recovery.

9am 1324 Longworth Bldg. **May 21**

PUBLIC LANDS

National Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee (Chairman Vento, D-Minn.) of House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will hold hearings on pending legislation.

10am 340 Cannon Bldg. **May 21**

10am 1324 Longworth Bldg. **May 23**

1pm 1324 Longworth Bldg. **May 28**

Agenda:

May 21:

HR 543 - to establish the Manzanar National Historic Site in the state of California

May 23:

HR 762/1369 - to designate certain areas in the state of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System

HR 1447 - to designate the Bowen Gulch areas of the Arapaho National Forest in the state of Colorado as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System

May 28:

HR 1216 - to modify the boundaries of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

HR 1448 - to allow the city of Pocatello, Idaho, to use certain lands for a correctional facility for women

■ **SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP**

Water, Power and Offshore Energy Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Miller, D-Calif.) of House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will meet to consider pending business.

9:45am 1324 Longworth Bldg. **May 21 & 30**

Note: The May 16 meeting has been canceled.

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee (Chairman Miller, D-Calif.) will mark up pending legislation.

9:45am 1324 Longworth Bldg **May 22 & 29**

MINING CLAIMS

Field Hearings

Mining and Natural Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Rahall, D-W. Va.) of House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will hold field hearings on legislation (HR 918) to change provisions in current law that allow individuals to file mining claims on federal lands without having to pay royalties to the government. The bill also would eliminate a provision that allows those who have filed a claim and discovered minerals the right to take effective title to the land for as little as \$2.50 an acre.

8am Fairbanks, Alaska **May 25**

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SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: PUBLIC LANDS

National Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee (Chairman Vento, D-Minn.) of House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will mark up pending legislation.

10am room TBA May 30

LUMBEE TRIBE RECOGNITION Field Hearing

House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee (Acting Chairman Miller, D-Calif.) will hold a field hearing on legislation (HR 1426) to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians of North Carolina.

Time TBA Pembroke, N.C. May 31

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: NUCLEAR WASTE/WIPP

Energy and the Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Kostmayer, D-Pa.) of House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will mark up legislation (HR —), relating to the operation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), a facility in New Mexico for the disposal of nuclear waste. Although the plant has been completed it has not yet begun to operate because of a dispute between the New Mexico and federal governments.

Time and room TBA Date TBA

Judiciary

225-3951

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

Intellectual Property and Judicial Administration Subcommittee (Chairman Hughes, D-N.J.) of House Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearings on intellectual property and international issues with specific emphasis on multilateral and bilateral treaty negotiations.

9:30am 2237 Rayburn Bldg. May 15

10am 2237 Rayburn Bldg. May 16

Witnesses scheduled:

May 16: Ralph Oman - register of copyrights, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Stanley Besan - professor, Georgetown University Law School; John Martin - professor, Stanford University Law School; Gary Hoffman - attorney, Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin; Richard Johnson - attorney, Arnold & Porter

Merchant Marine & Fisheries

225-4047

★ NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM Field Hearing

Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation and the Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Studds, D-Mass) of Oceanography, Great Lakes and the Outer Continental Shelf Subcommittee (Chairman Hertel, D-Mich.) of House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will hold a field hearing on the National Estuary Program, including the Buzzards Bay Project

10am Marion, Mass. May 20

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SEALIFT CAPACITY

Merchant Marine Subcommittee (Chairman Jones, D-N.C.) of House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will hold oversight hearings on the performance of the U.S. merchant marine during the Persian Gulf War.

2pm 1334 Longworth Bldg. May 21

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: BUDGET FOR MARITIME AGENCIES

Merchant Marine Subcommittee (Chairman Jones, D-N.C.) of House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will mark up pending legislation.

Time TBA 1334 Longworth Bldg. Date TBA

Agenda:

HR 1464 - authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1992 for the Maritime Administration

Post Office & Civil Service

225-4054

SAFETY IN FEDERAL WORKPLACE

Civil Service Subcommittee (Chairman Sikorski, D-Minn.) of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee will hold a hearing on health and safety issues in affecting workers in federal facilities.

10am 311 Cannon Bldg. May 16

SOVIET MAIL

Postal Operations and Services Subcommittee (Chairman McCloskey, D-Ind.) of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee will hold a hearing to examine the disruption of Soviet mail to the Baltic states.

1:30pm 311 Cannon Bldg. May 21

BUSINESS MEETING

House Post Office and Civil Service Committee (Chairman Clay, D-Mo.) will meet to discuss pending business.

9:45am 311 Cannon Bldg. May 22

Public Works & Transportation

225-4472

INFRASTRUCTURE & THE ECONOMY

House Public Works and Transportation Committee (Chairman Roe, D-N.J.) will continue hearings on the state of the national's economy and the importance of infrastructure in enhancing productivity and U.S. global competitiveness.

9:30am 2167 Rayburn Bldg. May 16

Witnesses scheduled: Lane Kirkland - president, AFL-CIO; James Jones - president, American Stock Exchange; Pat Choate - author and political economist

CLEAN WATER

Water Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Nowak, D-N.Y.) of House Public Works and Transportation Committee will continue hearings on the 1972 clean water act.

Time & room TBA Date TBA

Rules

225-9486

★ RULES FOR FLOOR DEBATE

House Rules Committee (Chairman Moakley, D-Mass.) will meet to consider a rules for floor debate for pending legislation.

10:30am H-313 Capitol Bldg May 16

Agenda:

HR 2100 - Authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1992 and 1993 for military functions of the department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel levels for fiscal years 1992 and 1993

Science, Space & Technology

225-6371

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Joint Hearing

Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Scheuer, D-N.Y.) and Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee (Chairman Wolpe, D-Mich.) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a joint hearing on legislation (HR 1538) to establish a national electric vehicle research, demonstration, and commercialization program for the United States.

9:30am 2318 Rayburn Bldg. May 16

FAA RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Technology and Competitiveness Subcommittee (Chairman Valentine, D-N.C.) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold an oversight hearing on Federal Aviation Administration research and development programs.

9:30am 2325 Rayburn Bldg. May 16

RISK ASSESSMENT

Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Scheuer, D-N.Y.) of House Science Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on risk assessment.

9:30am 2325 Rayburn Bldg. May 21

CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES

Technology and Competitiveness Subcommittee (Chairman Valentine, D-N.C.) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold hearings on critical technologies.

9:30am 2325 Rayburn Bldg. May 21

Agenda: HDTV, fiber optics

BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Scheuer, D-N.Y.) of House Science Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on on legislation (HR 585; HR 2082) to establish a national policy for the conservation of biological diversity.

9:30am 2318 Rayburn Bldg. May 23

MATERIALS SCIENCES

Science Subcommittee (Chairman Boucher, D-Va.) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on materials

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sciences.

10am 2325 Rayburn Bldg. May 30

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Technology and Competitiveness Subcommittee (Chairman Valentine, D-N.C.) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on technology transfer from federal labs.

9:30am 2318 Rayburn Bldg. May 30

CLEAN WATER ACT

Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Scheuer, D-N.Y.) of House Science Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

9:30am 2318 Rayburn Bldg. June 5

Small Business

225-5821

★ U.S. MEXICO TRADE

House Small Business Committee (Chairman LaFalce, D-N.Y.) will hold a hearing on the impact on small businesses of approval of fast-track procedures for consideration of a proposed U.S.-Mexico free trade agreement.

1:15 2359 Rayburn Bldg. May 20

Standards of Official Conduct

225-7103

ETHICS MATTERS

House Standards of Official Conduct (Chairman Stokes, D-Ohio) will meet to discuss pending ethics matters.

9am HT-2M Capitol Bldg. closed May 22

Veterans' Affairs

225-3527

DEPENDENCY INDEMNITY COMPENSATION

Compensation, Pension and Insurance Subcommittee (Chairman Applegate, D-Ohio) of House Veterans' Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on dependency indemnity compensation.

9am 334 Cannon Bldg. June 5

Ways & Means

225-3625

OVERSIGHT OF STATE & LOCAL CHILD WELFARE

Human Resources Subcommittee (Acting Chairman Downey, D-N.Y.) of House Ways and Means Committee will continue a series of hearings on the federally supported child welfare programs under the jurisdiction of the

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committee, focusing on the federal adoption program.

10am B-318 Rayburn Bldg. May 21

GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Oversight Subcommittee (Chairman, Pickle, D-Texas) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on reports by the Treasury Department, the General Accounting Office and the Congressional Budget Office on various government-sponsored enterprises. The government-sponsored enterprises [Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Federal Home Loan Bank System, Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Farm Credit System] are privately owned, but benefit from tax advantages and exemptions from some federal securities laws. They also have the implicit guarantee of the federal government to cover their losses.

1:30pm 1100 Longworth Bldg. May 22

★ EXECUTIVE LIFE INSURANCE FAILURE

Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee (Chairman Rangel, D-N.Y.) of House Ways and Means Committee will begin hearing on issues related to the Executive Life Insurance Company of California and New York, which was placed under court-ordered conservatorship in April 1991. The hearings will include a review of activities of federal regulatory agencies, such as the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and of state agencies that regulate insurance. Tax issues will not be covered.

2pm B-318 Rayburn Bldg. May 22

SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT TEST

Social Security Subcommittee (Chairman Jacobs, D-Ind.) of House Ways and Means

Committee will hold a hearing proposals to liberalize or repeal the Social Security retirement test. The test determines to what degree a person who is eligible for benefits is actually retired and, therefore, if they are entitled to receive full retirement benefits.

10am B-318 Rayburn Bldg. May 23

U.S. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

House Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Rostenkowski, D-Ill.) will hold a series of hearings on the factors, including trade and tax issues, affecting U.S. international competitiveness and on the current and prospective state of the nation's competitiveness.

10am 1100 Longworth Bldg. June 4

9:30am 1100 Longworth Bldg. June 5

10am 1100 Longworth Bldg. June 6

Time TBA 1100 Longworth Bldg. week of June 17

Time TBA 1100 Longworth Bldg. addl dates TBA

LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES

House Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Rostenkowski, D-Ill.) will hold a series of hearings on long-term strategies for health care, including such items as the cost of health care and the availability of health insurance.

Time TBA 1100 Longworth Bldg addl dates TBA

Note

The offices of all members of Congress and all congressional committees and subcommittees may be reached by calling (202) 224-3121.

Conference Committees

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT EXTENSION

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 991) to extend authorization of the Defense Production Act.

Time and room TBA date TBA

Senate conferees: TBA

House conferees:

From the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs for the purposes of Sections 1-8 of the House bill and Title I of the Senate amendment: Gonzalez, LaFalce, Oakar, Vento, Carper, Wylie, Ridge, Paxton

From the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs for the purpose of Title II of the Senate amendment: Gonzalez, Annunzio, Neal, Oakar, Schumer, Carper, Wylie, Leach, McCollum, Roukema

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the purposes of Section 8 of the House bill and Sections 203 through 206 of the Senate amendment: Dingell, Markey, Collins, Lent, Rinaldo

From the Committee on Judiciary for the purposes of Section 5 of the House bill and Section 104 of the Senate amendment: Brooks, Edwards, Fish

From the Committee on Ways and Means for the purpose of Sections 202 through 204 of the Senate amendment: Rostenkowski, Gibbons, Jenkins, Archer, Crane

Joint Committees

SOVIET ECONOMY

Technology and National Security Subcommittee (Chairman Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.) of Joint Economic Committee will hold a hearing on the state of the Soviet economy. The hearing will focus on the annual Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)/Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) assessment of the Soviet economy.

9:15am SD-628 Dirksen Bldg. May 16

Witnesses scheduled: representatives of CIA and DIA; Charles Wolff - director of international economic research, Rand Corp; Vladimir Treml - Duke University

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Other Events Future Listings

The *Monitor* has received notice of the following events scheduled to take place in Washington. Associations, non-profit organizations and public interest groups who wish to have events listed in the section should send pertinent information to: The Congressional Monitor, Other Events Editor, 1414 22nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Notices must include a telephone number. Notices may be transmitted by facsimile to 728-1862, attn: Robert Healy. Only events related to Congress can be listed. Deadline is Noon. For further information call 202-887-8686.

TAX ISSUES

Tax Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants will sponsor a spring conference.

Ramada Renaissance TechWorld May 15, 16, 17

Contact: Susan Porter 202-737-6600

Highlights:

May 16:

9am: Keynote address: Harry Gutman - chief of staff, Joint Taxation Committee

11:50am to 12:20pm: Luncheon speaker: Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill. - chairman, House Ways and Means Committee

May 17:

1pm: (approx.) Luncheon speaker: Robert Reichbauer - director, Congressional Budget Office

Note: Media wishing to attend all or part of the conference should call Sam Hoyt in the New York office (212-575-3879) before May 14.

TRACKING CONGRESS ELECTRONICALLY

Washington Alert of Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a seminar for government and federal agencies on "How to Track Congress Electronically."

9:30am 6th floor conference room, Congressional Quarterly, 1414 22nd St. N.W. **May 15 & 22**

Contact: David Stevens 202-887-6366

Note: There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required. Call the number listed above. Deadline in May 14

BANK INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING

Federal Bar Association will sponsor a seminar on financial institutions legislation, focusing on bills dealing with bank insurance fund recapitalization, deposit insurance reform, regulatory restructuring and interstate branching of banks.

8am to 9:30am, 2168 Rayburn Bldg. (Gold Room) **May 16**

Contact: 202-638-0252

Participants: Steven Harris - staff director, Senate Banking Committee; Lamar Smith - republican staff director, Senate Banking Committee; Barbara Timmer - general counsel, House Banking Committee, Anthony Cole - minority staff director, House Banking Committee

Note: There is a charge for this event of \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. For reservations call the number listed above.

ICBM MODERNIZATION & ARMS CONTROL

Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis will
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sponsor a series of breakfast seminars for members of Congress and staff working on defense-related issues.

8am to 9am, Capitol Hill Club **May 16; May date TBA; May 22; June 6; June date TBA; June 11, 13**

Contact: Peter Huessy at 202-463-7942

Agenda:

May 14: Midgetman: Insuring Strategic Stability in a New Deterrent Framework: Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine

May 16: The Politics of Strategic Modernization in the Post Cold War Era: Some Enduring Realities I: Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn.

May date TBA: The Politics of Strategic Modernization in the Post Cold War Era: Some Enduring Realities II: Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis.

May 22: START, Deterrence, and ICBM Mobility, Emerging Views in the House of Representatives: Rep. Nicholas Mavroules, D-Mass.

June 6: START Objectives and Strategic Modernization Goals: Amb. Richard Burt

June date TBA: The President's Strategic Modernization Programs, START and Beyond
START: Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney

June 11: The Emerging Soviet Strategic Threat: Rethinking the U.S. Response: Sen. John Warner, R-Va.

June 13: An Emerging Strategic Nuclear Consensus: Stability in the Emerging International Environment: Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.

Note: This series is limited to members of Congress and their staff working on defense-related issues. Reservations are required, call Peter Huessy at 202-463-7924

BUDGET FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Overseas Development Council will sponsor a briefing on an alternative international affairs budget entitled "Promoting National Security and Advancing America's Interests Abroad: United States Budget for a New World Order."

8:30am to 10am, SR-385 Russell Bldg. **May 16**

Contact: Monica Brana 202-234-8701

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES IN CONGRESS

Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a seminar on conference committees in Congress.

9am to 4pm, Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd St. N.W. **May 16**

Contact: Irene Cuffy at 202-887-8620

Note: There is a \$295 charge for this event. For reservations and information call the number listed above.

HUMAN FACTORS

The Potomac Chapter of the Human Factors Society will sponsor a symposium for members of Congress and staff on Human Factors. As automobiles, medical technology, computers and a wide range of other industrial and consumer products become more technologically advanced, many people have trouble understanding how to use and operate the products. As a result some people use products and technology incorrectly, causing safety problems, or they do not use the products and technology to their full potential, causing inefficiency. Human Factors is the study of such problems and development of techniques to

overcome them.

7:30am to 4pm B-338 Rayburn Bldg. **May 17**
Contact: Thomas Granda 703-698-6225

Agenda:

7:30am: Registration

8am: Human Factors in Energy and Space

9:45am: Human Factors in Defense

11:45am: Lunch

12:45pm: Human Factors in Transportation

2:30pm: Human Factors in Health, Safety and Aging

Note: There is a charge for this event of \$45. Pre-registration if required, registrations will not be taken at the door. To register send a check, made payable to HFS POC, to:

1991 HFS Symposium
Human Factors Society
P.O. Box 2503
Merrifield, Va. 22116

There is no charge for members of Congress and their staff.

BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission will hold a series of hearing on base closings.

9:30am 1100 Longworth Bldg. **May 17**

Time TBA 1100 Longworth Bldg. **May 21, 22**

Contact: 202-653-0823

Agenda & witnesses scheduled:

May 17: General Accounting Office report on Pentagon recommendations and selection process - Frank Conahan, assistant comptroller general, General Accounting Office

May 21: Members of Congress

May 22: Members of Congress

Note: After the hearings are completed the commission will meet to discuss its findings on June 6, 7, 13 and 14.

EARTH SUMMIT 1992

Environmental and Energy Study Institute will sponsor a briefing on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED - 1992 Earth Summit) in Brazil.

10am 2218 Rayburn Bldg. **May 17**

Contact: 202-628-1400.

RCRA DISCUSSION

Women's Council on Energy and the Environment will sponsor a discussion group on the reauthorization of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act with Lisa Friedman, associate general counsel for solid waste and emergency response at the Environmental Protection Agency.

10am, Society of the Plastics Industry, 1275 K St. N.W. **May 17**

Contact: Maureen Healey 202-371-5204

Note: There is a \$5 charge for this event, to be collected at the door. Advance reservations are required, call the number listed above.

HOSPITAL CAPITAL PAYMENT

Health Task Force of Women in Government Relations will sponsor a panel discussion on the Health Care Financing Administration's proposed rules to include hospital capital payments in the Medicare Prospective Payment system.

Noon to 2pm, Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Ave. N.W. **May 17**

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Status of Appropriations — Fiscal 1992

Week of May 13

FULL COMMITTEE

House: 225-2771; Senate: 224-3471

AGRICULTURE

House: 225-2638; Senate: 224-7240

House subcmte hearings scheduled: May 15, 16
Senate subcmte hearings completed: April 26

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, & THE JUDICIARY

House: 225-3351; Senate: 224-7277

House subcmte hearings completed: April 17

DEFENSE

House: 225-2847; Senate: 224-7255

Senate subcmte hearings scheduled: May 16

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

House: 225-5338; Senate: 224-7236

ENERGY & WATER DEVELOPMENT

House: 225-3421; Senate: 224-7260

House subcmte hearings completed: April 10
House subcmte markup scheduled: May 15
Senate subcmte hearings scheduled: May 16

FOREIGN OPERATIONS

House: 225-2041; Senate: 224-7209

INTERIOR

House: 225-3081; Senate: 224-7233

House subcmte hearings completed: May 9
Senate subcmte hearings scheduled: May 15, 16

LABOR/HHS/EDUC

House: 225-3508; Senate: 224-7283

House subcmte hearings scheduled: May 15, 16
Senate subcmte hearings completed: April 25

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

House: 225-5338; Senate: 224-7338

House subcmte hearings completed: March 7
Senate subcmte hearings completed: April 25

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

House: 225-3047; Senate: 224-7255

House subcmte hearings completed: March 21
House subcmte markup scheduled: May 15

TRANSPORTATION

House: 225-2141; Senate: 224-7245

Senate subcmte hearings scheduled: May 16

TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

House: 225-5834; Senate: 224-6280

House subcmte hearings completed: April 18
Senate subcmte hearings completed: April 25

VA, HUD & INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

House: 225-3241; Senate: 224-7211

House subcmte hearings completed: May 3
House subcmte hearings scheduled: May 15
Senate subcmte hearings scheduled: May 15, 17

FY91 SUPPLEMENTAL

Bill No: HR 1281
House full cmte markup completed: March 5
Passed House: March 7
Senate full cmte markup completed: March 14
Passed Senate: March 20
HR 1281 conference completed: March 21
Conference report adopted in Senate: March 22
Conference report adopted in House: March 22
Signed by the president: April 10

Bill No: HR 1282
House full cmte markup completed: March 5
Passed House: March 7
Senate full cmte markup completed: March 14
Passed Senate: March 19
Conference completed: March 21
Conference report adopted in Senate: March 22
Conference report adopted in House: March 22
Signed by the president: April 10

House Floor Action

Week of May 13

Monday, May 13:

Pro forma session

Tuesday, May 14:

S 248 Niobrara Scenic River Designation Act of 1991 passed 333-71

Under suspension of the rules:

HR 1578 Amend title 38, US Code, with respect to employment and reemployment rights of veterans and other members of the uniformed services passed by voice

HR 794 Establish the Connecticut River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge passed by voice

HR 1370 Reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program passed by voice

HR 972 Make permanent the legislative reinstate-

ment, following the decision of Duro against Reina (58 U.S.L.W. 4643, May 29, 1990), of the power of Indian tribes to exercise criminal jurisdiction over Indians passed by voice

Wednesday, May 15:

HR 1415 Authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1992 and 1993 for the Department of State continue consideration

Thursday, May 16:

Joint meeting with Senate to receive Queen Elizabeth II of England

Friday, May 17:

Not in session

Senate Floor Action

Week of May 13

Monday, May 13:

Pro forma session

Tuesday, May 14:

S 100 Set forth United States policy toward Central America and to assist the economic recovery and development of that region passed 87-9

Treaty International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, with Annex, 1978 (Ex. EE, 96th Cong, 1st session) approved 97-0

Treaty Annex III to the 1973 Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships (Treaty Doc. 101-7) approved 97-0

Treaty 1988 Protocols Relating to the Safety of Life at Sea and Load Line Conventions (Treaty Doc. 102-2) approved 97-0

Treaty Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labor, with two understandings (Ex. K, 88th Cong, 1st session) approved 97-0

Wednesday, May 15 &

Balance of the Week:

S Res 117

Express the sense of the Senate that the administration should expeditiously and prudently act upon the Soviet Union's request for agricultural export credit guarantees from the U.S. to facilitate the sale of food and feed products in accordance with the emergency needs of the Soviet people, provided certain conditions are met continue consideration

S 3

Campaign Finance revisions begin consideration

Outlook

On April 25 Majority Leader George Mitchell announced that he would like to see action on the following items during May.

S 2

Adult literacy improvement

S 173

Permit the Bell Telephone Companies to conduct research on, design, and manufacture telecommunications equipment

S Res 78

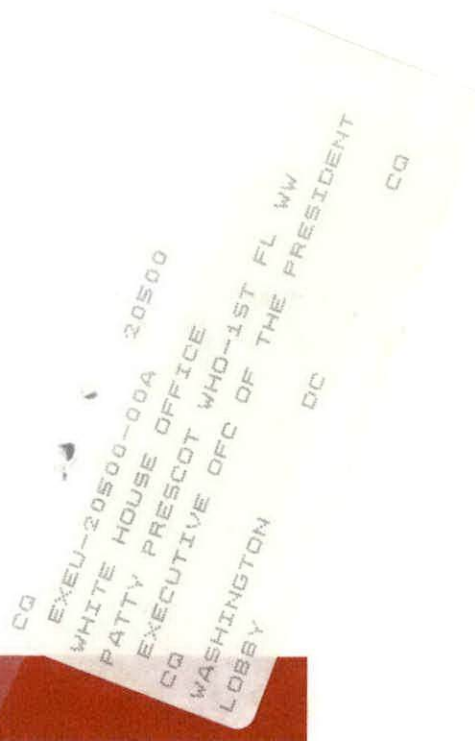
Extend 'fast-track' system for consideration of trade agreements

S 5

Family and Medical Leave

S 250

Establish national voter registration procedures for federal elections ("Motor Voter")



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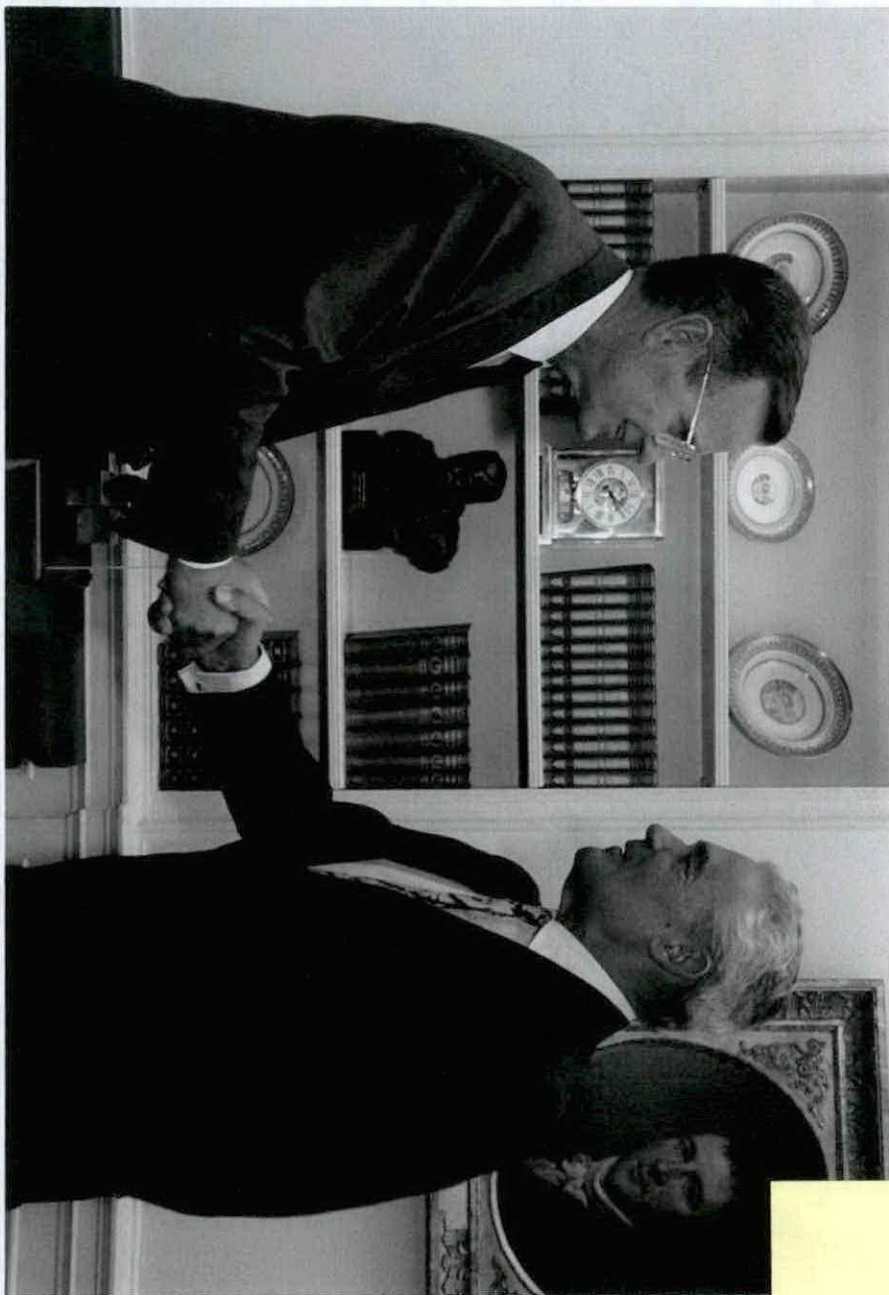
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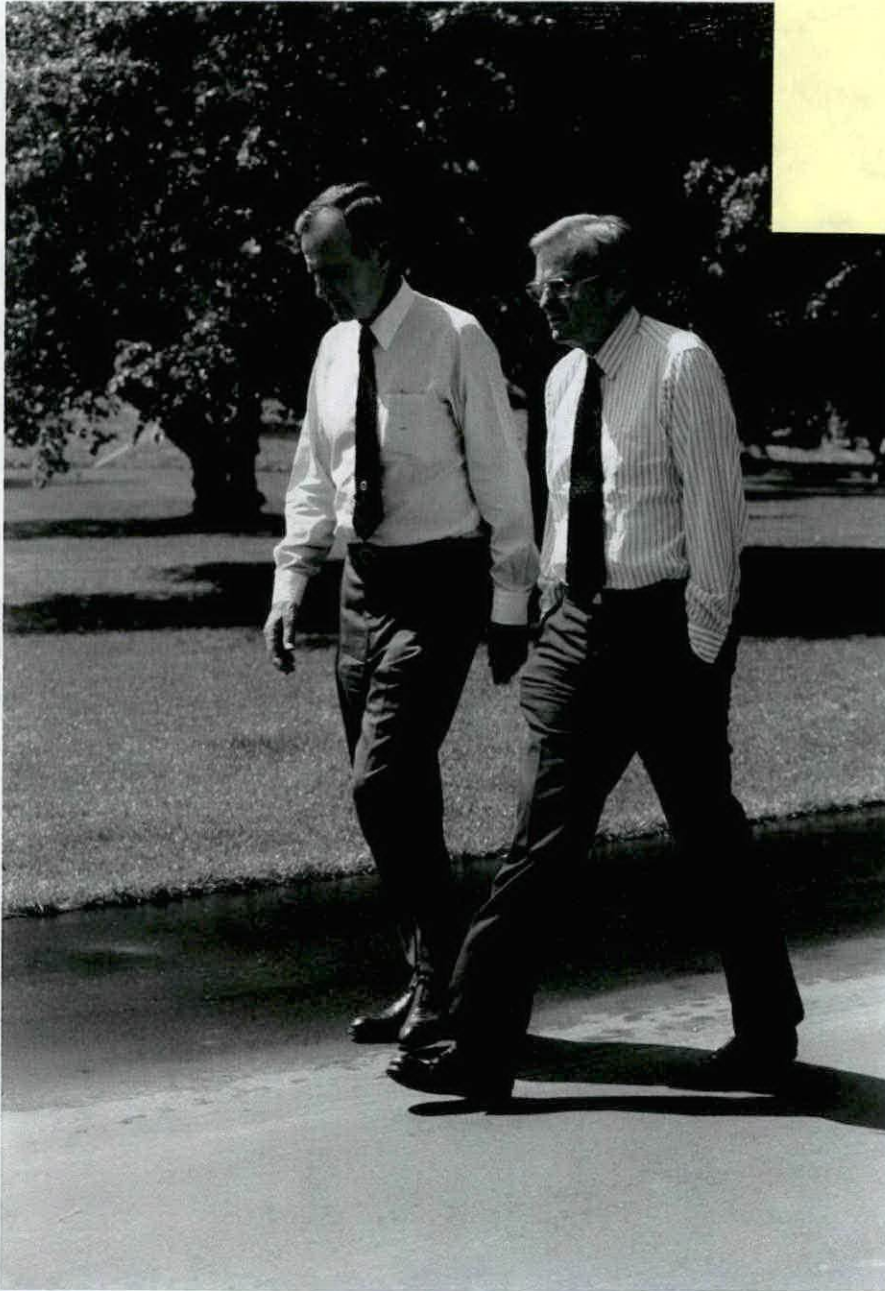
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1991

Dear Daphne:

Thank you for your message and thank you for caring. I am feeling fine and am delighted to be back at work.

You were thoughtful to express your concern, and I'm grateful. Best wishes, in which Bar joins.

Sincerely, Love -



The Honorable Daphne W. Murray
417 Rio del Oro
Sacramento, California 95825

With Sarah were here -
great! I'm glad you are
happy. You deserve it. When I hear
"Daphne" I fibulate (?) see But
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1991

Dear David:

Thanks for the chest of assorted teas that you presented to me when you were here with fellow members of the House. I appreciate your thoughtful remembrance, and I promise that it will be put to good use.

Sincerely,

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They're great!

The Honorable David Skaggs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Thomas A. Willey
Route 2, Box 140 R
Kennebunkport, Maine 04046



THE PRESIDENT

May 16, 1991

Dear Tom,

Thanks so much for inviting me to speak in Dock Square on Memorial Day. That's always a special event, and I genuinely regret having to decline this time. Please pass along to all my friends at Post 159 my thanks and my warmest personal regards. Have a wonderful Memorial Day celebration.

All the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Bush".

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 16, 1991

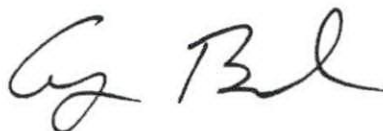
Dear Bill:

Just a quick note of thanks for your thoughtful letter and for the article on Jim Duffus. The days at Yale were wonderful, and I enjoyed recalling some of those memories.

I also appreciate your kind comments about Operation Desert Storm. We had a superb team in place, and I am proud of the tremendous job that they did.

Thanks again for writing. Warm regards, in which Barbara joins.

Sincerely,



Mr. William J. Young III
5189 Coy Road
Canandaigua, New York 14424

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ms. Jeanne Tower Cox
3811 Turtle Creek Boulevard
Suite 710
Dallas, Texas 75219



THE PRESIDENT

May 15 '91

Dear Jeanne,

I loved the tribute "Dad" that you sent me. It brought back so many happy memories of your Dad, my friend. I hope the hurt is beginning to heal; and that

you'll hear only Pook's laughter and feel only your Dad's love.

My love to your Mom and your sister.
We care, we really do.

Ag Bush

bcc: Bridget Montagne

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Reverend Robert L. Johnson
c/o St. Luke's Hospital
1 ICU #4
6720 Bertner
Houston, Texas 77030



THE PRESIDENT

May 15, 1991

Dear Bob,

Barbara and I just heard about your operation.
We hope all is going well; but, for now, I want
you to know we Bushes are thinking of you.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery. Warm regards,
in which Barbara joins.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush", written in a cursive style.