

Tuesday, February 2, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Senate met at 9:59:58 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:12 a.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, February 3, 1999.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings, in open and closed sessions, on current and future worldwide threats to U.S. national security, including proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, international narcotrafficking and organized crime, information warfare, terrorist bombings, Russia, China, Iraq, North Korea, Iran, India and Pakistan, the Balkans, the Aegean, Haiti, and Africa, receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000, receiving testimony from Jack Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Carolyn L. Huntoon, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET AND TAX PROPOSALS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 and related tax proposals, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 78 public bills, H.R. 430–507; 6 private bills, H.R. 508–513; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 19–24 and H. Res. 29–30, 32–35, were introduced. Pages H374–78

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed:

H.R. 98, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the Aviation War Risk Insurance Program (H. Rept. 106–2);

H.R. 99, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–3);

H. Res. 31, providing for consideration of H.R. 99, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–4); and

H.R. 350, amended, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates (H. Rept. 106–5). Page H374

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H275

Recess: The House recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H283

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: The Chair announced that the Speaker named the following members to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 106th Congress: Representatives Biggert, Granger, Hastings of Washington, Hulshof, LaTourette, McCrery, Sessions, Shimkus and Thornberry. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he designated the following members to serve on the same committee: Representatives Clyburn, Doyle, Edwards, Klink, Lewis of Georgia, Meek of Florida, Stupak, and Tanner. Page H284

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Hastert to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Page H284

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 29, electing Representative Berkley to the Committee of Veterans' Affairs. Page H284

Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 19, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days

of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust on April 13, 1999. Pages H291–93

Suspensions: The House agreed to Suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Small Business Investment Act Technical Corrections: H.R. 68, amended, to amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in Title III of the Small Business Investment Act (passed by a ye and nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 7); and Pages H286–88, H293–94

Dante B. Fascell North/South Center: H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center (passed by a ye and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 8). Pages H288–91, H294

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 30, electing Representative Chenoweth to the Committee on Government Reform; Representative Bachus to the Committee on the Judiciary; Representatives Sanford and Metcalf to the Committee on Science; Representatives Pease, Thune, and Bono to the Committee on Small Business; Representatives Bereuter, Kuykendall, and Simpson to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Representatives Hansen, McKeon, and Gibbons to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, all to rank in the named order following Representative LaHood. Pages H294–95

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Fiscal Year 2000 Budget of the United States: Message wherein he transmitted his Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2000—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–3); and Pages H295–98

Immigration Laws and Policies of Albania: Message wherein he transmitted his updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–16). Page H298

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with tomorrow, Feb. 3, 1999. Page H313

Senate Messages: Messages delivered to the Clerk on Jan. 20, 1999 and Jan. 29, 1999 from the Senate appear on pages H283–84.

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on pages H379–80.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H293–94 and H294. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Met for organizational purposes.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the House of Representatives, the Office of Compliance and on the Financial Managers Council. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Jay Eagen, Chief Administrative Officer; Jeff Trandahl, Clerk; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; John W. Lainhart, IV, Inspector General; and John F. Eisold, M.D., Attending Physician; the following officials of the Office of Compliance: Virginia Seitz, member, Board of Directors; and Ricky Silberman, Executive Director; and the following officials of the Financial Managers Council: Richard Brown, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General, Operations, GAO; and John Webster, Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress.

YEAR 2000 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue February 10.

TRANSFER BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FACILITIES TO LOCAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the transfer of title of Bureau of Reclamation facilities to local irrigation authorities. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FAA SHORT-TERM EXTENSION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 99, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend Federal Aviation Administration programs through September 30, 1999, equally divided between the

chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) and sections 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a subcommittee's 302(b) allocation) and 303(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against the consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives clause 7 of Rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane amendments) and sections 302(f) and 303(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Oberstar.

MANDATES INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, amended, H.R. 350, Mandates Information Act of 1999.

MANDATES INFORMATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a joint hearing on H. R. 350, Mandates Information Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Condit, Portman and Boehlert; James L. Blum, Acting Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight met for organizational purposes.

IMPACTS OF CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on impacts of the current Social Security system. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: February 3, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: February 3, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-608.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Joint Economic Committee; GAO and GPO, 9:30 a.m., on Joint Committee on Taxation; Architect of the Capitol; and on Capitol Police Board, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, executive, hearing on threats to U.S. national security, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to consider the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress, 2:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on implementation of the Credit Union Membership Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the President's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2000, 10:00 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on reauthorization of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act and the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on the following: Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999 and the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Enhancement Act of 1999, 10:00 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to meet for organizational purposes and to consider the following: an Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress; H.R. 391, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999; the District of Columbia Management Restoration Act of 1999; H.R. 416, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act; the Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999; the Government Waste, Fraud and Error Reduction Act of 1999; and the release of depositions, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to meet for organizational purposes, 3:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Resources, to consider the following: H.R. 149, Omnibus Parks Technical Corrections Act of 1999; H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey; H.R. 193, Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Act; and the Committee Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress; immediately followed by an oversight hearing on the impact of the expansion of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 11:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 350, Mandates Information Act of 1999, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following measures: Paperwork Elimination Act; and the Microloan Program Technical Corrections Act, 2:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Ground Transportation, hearing on Present and Future Trends in Ground Transportation, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to meet for organizational purposes, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to meet for organizational purposes, 3 p.m., and to hold a hearing on SSI fraud and abuse, 3:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on impacts of the current Social Security system, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on U.S. trade relations with Sub-Saharan Africa, 9:45 a.m.; and to markup the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through January 31, 1999

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	17	2	..
Time in session	58 hrs., 32'	9 hrs., 14'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	1,111	273	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	91	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	21	20	41
Senate bills .....	..	..	..
House bills .....	..	..	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	3	..
Simple resolutions	18	17	..
Measures reported, total	1	1	2
Senate bills	1	..	..
House bills .....	..	1	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	..	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	12	1	..
Measures introduced, total	367	496	863
Bills	331	429	..
Joint resolutions	7	21	..
Concurrent resolutions	4	18	..
Simple resolutions	25	28	..
Quorum calls	4	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	8	5	..
Recorded votes .....	..	..	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through January 31, 1999

Civilian nominations, totaling 97, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	97
Other civilian nominations, totaling 127, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	127
Air Force nominations, totaling 47, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	47
Army nominations, totaling 3, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	3
Navy nominations, totaling 0, disposed of as follows:	
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 11, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	11
<i>Summary</i>	
Total Nominations received this Session	285
Total Confirmed	285
Total Unconfirmed	285

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, February 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate may consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 98, extending the Aviation War Risk Insurance Program under suspension of the rules; and

Consideration of H.R. 99, Federal Aviation Administration Short-Term Extension of Programs (open rule, 1 hour of debate).

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