

*Monday, March 1, 1999*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, page S2057*

Senate met at 10:00:28 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:41 a.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 1999.

### *Committee Meetings*

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **Y2K FAIRNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 461, to assure that innocent users and businesses gain access to solutions to the year 2000 problem-related failures through fostering an incentive to settle year 2000 lawsuits that may disrupt significant sectors of the American economy, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of

America, Arlington, Virginia; Mark Yarsike, Produce Palace International, Warren, Michigan; B.R. McConnon, Democracy Data and Communications, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Harris Pogust, Sherman, Silverstein, Kohl, Rose and Podolsky, Pennsauken, New Jersey; Stirling Adams, Novell, Inc., Orem, Utah; and Laurene West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposal to preserve the financial well-being of the Social Security and Medicare programs, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; and Rudolph G. Penner, Urban Institute, M. Edith Rasell, Economic Policy Institute, Wendell Primus, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, and Martha Phillips, Concord Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 1, 5, 7, 9, 881–890. **Pages H824–25**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 818, to amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses (H. Rept. 106–33); and

H.J. Res. 32, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen and protect the retirement income security of all Americans through the creation of a fair and modern Social Security Program for the 21st century, amended (H. Rept. 106–34). **Pages H823–24**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H817**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No recorded votes or quorum calls developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVERSIGHT—IRS'S FISCAL YEAR 1998 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing of the IRS's Fiscal Year 1998 Financial Statements. Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Associate Director, Governmentwide Accounting and Financial Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Donna Cunningham, Chief Financial Officer, IRS; and Steven App, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

### OVERSIGHT—Y2K PROBLEM—STATUS AT HHS

*Committee on Government Reform:* On February 26, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem: The Y2K Status of the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: John J. Callahan, Chief Information Officer; and Nancy-Ann DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Ad-

ministration; and Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO.

### HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES—COUNTRY REPORTS

*Committee on International Relations:* On February 26, the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1998. Testimony was heard from Harold Hongju Koh, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings on child nutrition program issues, 9 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to resume 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:* to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for national defense, 2 p.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on United States relief efforts in response to Hurricane Mitch, 3 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings on medical theory and practice issues, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* to resume hearings to examine the Y2K computer problem within the food industry, 8:30 a.m., SD-628.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education, and Economics, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and National Institute of Nursing Research, 10 a.m., and on National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and on National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., and on OMB, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on FEMA., 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on fiscal year 2000 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Readiness, hearing on Defense reform initiatives, contracting out, and outsourcing, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, to review implementation of EFT-99, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to markup H.R. 540, Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments of 1999, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, hearing on The Older Americans Act: Meeting the Needs of Our Nation's Seniors, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on the Census, hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the America Counts Today (ACT) Initiatives to Enhance Traditional Enumeration Methods, 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem at the Department of Defense: How Prepared is Our Nation's Defense? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, oversight hearing on efforts to address waste, fraud and management weaknesses by the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and State, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to markup H. Con. Res. 28, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; followed by a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Years 2000-2001: Department of State Management Initiatives, 1:45 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to mark up the following: Committee's Budget views and estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Independent Counsel Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules,* to consider the following: H.R. 661, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with state 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations; and H.R. 603, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act", 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* to mark up the following: Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 707, Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 1999, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Report on Medicare Payment Policies, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings:* Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 9:30 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

# 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 February 28, 1999

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	30	13	..
Time in session .....	122 hrs., 27'	60 hrs., 40'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	2056	816	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	296	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	38	61	99
Senate bills .....	1	..	..
House bills .....	1	24	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	2	2	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	5	5	..
Simple resolutions .....	29	30	..
Measures reported, total .....	*7	*32	39
Senate bills .....	5	..	..
House bills .....	..	23	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	2	9	..
Special reports .....	1	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	20	3	..
Measures introduced, total .....	563	1,035	1,598
Bills .....	489	880	..
Joint resolutions .....	12	34	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	13	38	..
Simple resolutions .....	49	83	..
Quorum calls .....	4	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	27	21	..
Recorded votes .....	..	6	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through February 28, 1999

Civilian nominations, totaling 110, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	2
Unconfirmed .....	108
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 786, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	419
Unconfirmed .....	367
Air Force nominations, totaling 869, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	869
Army nominations, totaling 1,163, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	1,163
Navy nominations, totaling 27, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	27
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 113, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	113
<i>Summary</i>	
Total Nominations received this Session .....	3,068
Total Confirmed .....	421
Total Unconfirmed .....	2,647

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will begin consideration of S. 314, Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act, with a vote to occur thereon.

At 2:15 p.m., the Senate will begin consideration of S. Res. 7, Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problems Funding Increase, with a vote to occur thereon.

*(Senate will recess following the vote on passage of S. 314 to attend a closed briefing on certain Y2K issues.)*

*(Senate will recess at 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 221, to permit certain youth to perform work with wood products;

(2) H.R. 818, Disaster Mitigation Coordination Act;

(3) H.R. 609, Export Apple Act; and

(4) H.J. Res. 32, Social Security Guarantee Initiative.

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