Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S167–S224

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2018–2021, and S. Res. 250. **Page S213**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing the St. Louis Rams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 250, recognizing the outstanding achievement of the St. Louis Rams in winning Super Bowl XXXIV. **Page S189**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S167–88, S190–97, S200–02, S223**

Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. (By 53 yeas to 44 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 1), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S168–78, S190**

Withdrawn:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions. **Pages S168–78, S190**

Feingold Amendment No. 2667, to encourage the democratically elected government of Indonesia and the armed forces of Indonesia to take such additional steps as are necessary to create a peaceful environment in which the results of the August 30, 1999, vote on East Timor's political status can be implemented. **Pages S190–97**

Pending:

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Page S167**

Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are nondischargeable. **Page S167**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. **Page S167**

Levin Amendment No. 2658, to provide for the nondischargeability of debts arising from firearm-related debts. **Pages S178–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments, on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. **Page S223**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S223**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with the Hellenic Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106–18).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Pages S222–23**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Arctic Research Plan; Biennial Revision: 2000–2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–80) **Page S208**

Transmitting pursuant to law, Presidential Determination 99–37 relative to the Air Force's Operating Location near Groom Lake, Nevada; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–81) **Page S208**

Transmitting pursuant to law, a report relative to the agreement between the U.S. and Latvia concerning fisheries off the coasts of the U.S.; to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Foreign Relations. (PM–82) **Page S208**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ross L. Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Nathan O. Hatch, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

22 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1) **Page S190**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 2, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S223.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE CONCENTRATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the current structure and future operations of the Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Michael Dunn, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, both of the Department of Agriculture; Philip Paarlberg and Kenneth Foster, both of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; John McNutt, Iowa City, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Rita Sharma, Williamsport, Indiana, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; William P. Roenigk, National Chicken Council, Washington, D.C.; Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau, Gibson City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Michael Stumo, Winsted, Connecticut, on behalf of the Organization for Competitive Markets; John Crabtree, Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, Nebraska; Hubert O. Farrish, Columbia Grain, Inc., Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the North American Export Grain Association; Robert Smigelski, The Anderson, Inc., Maumee, Ohio, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Mike Clark, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Homer, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association, American Soybean Association, and National Association of Wheat Growers; and Dennis Wiese, South Dakota Farmers Union, Flandreau, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

LOAN GUARANTEES AND RURAL TELEVISION SERVICE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the issue of federal loan guarantees to promote satellite delivery of local television signals to rural areas, after receiving testimony from Gregory L. Rohde, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Christopher McLean, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; William Roberts, Senior Attorney, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Dale N. Hatfield, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; Steven J. Cox, DIRECTV, El Segundo, California; David K. Moskowitz, EchoStar Communications Corporation, Littleton, Colorado; Bob R. Phillips, III, National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, The Plains, Virginia; Richard Sjoberg, Sjoberg's Incorporated, Thief River Falls, Minnesota; and K. James Yager, Benedek Broadcasting, Rockford, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters.

FEDERAL SPENDING PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine spending priorities of certain federal laws and programs in order to maximize the government's performance and accountability, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

U.S. COMPUTER NETWORK PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information held hearings to examine the vulnerability of U.S. systems to cyber attack, focusing on the Administration's National Plan for Information Systems Protection and its implications regarding privacy, receiving testimony from John S. Tritak, Director, Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office, Department of Commerce; and Marc Rotenberg, Electronic Privacy Information Center, and Frank J. Cilluffo, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

MEDICAL ERRORS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings to examine the incidence of medical errors, focusing on understanding adverse drug events, receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael R. Cohen, Institute for Safe Medication Practices, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania; Richard Platt, Harvard University Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare; and Eleanor M. Vogt, National Patient Safety Foundation, and Raymond L. Woosley, Georgetown University Medical Center Department of Pharmacology, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3561–3566; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86; H. Con. Res. 245–246, and H. Res. 410–411, were introduced. **Pages H164–65**

Reports Filed:

H. Res. 412, providing for consideration of H.R. 2005, to establish a statute of repose for durable goods used in a trade or business (Rept. 106–491). **Page H164**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H91**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H95**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar the House:

Passed Over Without Prejudice: S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor. **Page H95**

Passed: H.R. 1023, for the relief of Richard W. Schaffert. **Page H95**

Review of the National Reconnaissance Office: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Dicks to the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office. **Page H98**

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

Contributions of Catholic Schools: H. Res. 409, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools; and **Pages H98–103**

Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 764, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect—clearing the measure for the President (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 4). **Pages H121–27**

Subsequently, agreed to H. Con. Res. 245, to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill. **Page H128**

Taiwan Security Enhancement Act: The House passed H.R. 1838, to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan by a yea and nay vote of 341 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 5. **Pages H110–21, H127–28**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 408, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on International Relations, now printed in the bill, was considered as adopted. **Pages H103–10**

Resignation from the Democratic Caucus: Read a letter from Representative Frost wherein he announced that Representative Goode resigned from the Democratic Caucus. **Page H128**

Resignation from Committee: Read a letter from Representative Blunt wherein he announced his resignation from the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H128**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced that Representative Goode's election to the Committee on Agriculture has been vacated effective today. **Page H128**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced that Representative Goode's election to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services has been vacated effective today. **Page H128**

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 410, electing Representative Goode to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H128**

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 411, electing Representative Lee to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Pages H128–29**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: Agreed to the Berry motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2990, Quality Care for the Uninsured Act, (1) to take all necessary steps to begin meetings of the conference committee in order to report back expeditiously to the House; and (2) to insist on the provisions of the bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999 (Division B of H.R. 2990 as passed by the House), and within the scope of conference to insist that such provisions be paid for by a yea and nay vote of 207 yeas to 175 nays with 28 voting "present," Roll No. 6. **Pages H129–37**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

United States Air Force Exemption: Message wherein he transmitted his Presidential Determination that exempts an Air Force operating location in Nevada from certain laws referred to the Committee on Commerce. **Page H137**

United States-Latvia Fisheries Agreement: Message wherein he transmitted the agreement between the United States and Latvia concerning fisheries off the coast of the United States referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–189); and **Page H137**

Arctic Research Plan: Message wherein he transmitted the sixth biennial revision to the United States Arctic Research Plan referred to the Committee on Science. **Page H137**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H166.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H126–27, H127–28, and H136–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Economic Committee, the GPO, the Joint Committee on Taxation, the GAO, and the Capitol Police Board. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton and Archer; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, GPO; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; James W. Ziglar, Sergeant at Arms, Senate; Gary L. Abrecht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2366, Small Business Liability Reform Act of 1999.

WORKPLACE GOODS JOB GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2005, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act of 1999. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the *Congressional Record* and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the *Congressional Record* may be offered only by the Member who caused it to printed or his designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time 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 Representative Chabot.

Joint Meetings

MONTENEGRO DEMOCRACY

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine the prospects of democratic development and economic recovery in Montenegro, after receiving testimony from Srdjan Darmanovic, Center for Democracy and Human Rights, and Veselin Vukotic, Center for Entrepreneurship, both of Podgorica, Montenegro; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the situation in Bosnia and Kosovo; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR–222), 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine federalism in the information age, focusing on internet tax issues, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Finance: Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the status of Internal Revenue Service reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health, to hold hearings to examine gene therapy, focusing on promoting patient safety, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings to examine world threats, 10 a.m., SH–216. Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Members of Congress; Office of Compliance; CBO; Financial Managers Council; and outside witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families and the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning, joint hearing on Federal Role in K–12 Mathematics Reform, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on Kyoto and the Internet: The Energy Implications of the Digital Economy, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: The Current Research Agenda, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Changing American Diplomacy for the New Century, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 3160, Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND 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 24 through January 31, 2000

	Senate	*House*	*Total*
Days in session	5	3	..
Time in session	18 hrs., 40′	10 hrs., 7′	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	165	90	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	38	..
Public bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	10	..
Measures passed, total	7	7	14
Senate bills	..	1	..
House bills	..	..	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	2	..
Simple resolutions	6	4	..
Measures reported, total	*..	*2	2
Senate bills	..	1	..
House bills	..	..	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	..	1	..
Special reports	..	..	..
Conference reports	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	148	62	..
Measures introduced, total	29	57	86
Bills	19	43	..
Joint resolutions	..	..	..
Concurrent resolutions	2	5	..
Simple resolutions	8	9	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	..	2	..
Recorded votes	..	..	..
Bills vetoed	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden	..	..	..

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 0 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 2 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 24 through January 31, 2000

Civilian nominations, totaling 149 (including 142 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	149
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 778 (including 778 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	778
Air Force nominations, totaling 15 (including 15 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	12
Returned to White House	3
Army nominations, totaling 204 (including 204 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	202
Returned to White House	2
Navy nominations, totaling 10 (including 10 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	8
Returned to White House	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	1

Summary

Total nominations carried over from First Session	1,150
Total nominations received this session	7
Total confirmed	0
Total unconfirmed	1,150
Total returned to White House	7

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform. Also, Senate expects to consider the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 2

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2005, Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act (modified open rule, one hour of debate).

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