

Thursday, February 6, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Rodney E. Slater to be Secretary of Transportation.

The President transmitted his Fiscal Year 1998 Budget of the United States Government.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1049–S1118

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 281–290, and S.J. Res. 15. **Page S1102**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, with the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S1057–72, S1079–99

Pending:

Durbin Amendment No. 2, to allow for the waiver of the article in the event of an economic recession or serious economic emergency with a majority in both houses of Congress. **Pages S1083–99**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Monday, February 10, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1099**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Friday, February 6, 1997.

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

Transmitting the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 1998; pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975; which was referred jointly to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget. (PM–10).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 6 EX), Rodney E. Slater, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S1073–78, S1118**

Madeleine May Kunin, of Vermont, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Genta Hawkins Holmes, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, as Ambassador to Australia.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Arma Jane Karaer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Dennis K. Hays, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

John Francis Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Venezuela.

John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U. S. Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Madeleine Korbelt Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to

the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term of five years.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total-6) Page S1078

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Friday, February 7, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1117.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current and projected national security threats to the United States, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Acting Director of Central Intelligence; and

Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

U.S. TERRITORIES AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 210, to make technical and other changes to the Organic Act of Guam, the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and the Compact of Free Association Act, and to return excess Federal land to the people of Guam, after receiving testimony from Allen P. Stayman, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Governor Roy L. Schneider, and Delegate Donna M. Christian-Green, both of the Virgin Islands; and Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez, and Delegate Robert A. Underwood, both of Guam.

COMMITTEE BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to receive testimony from Senators, as indicated, in support of resolutions requesting funds for operating expenses of their respective committees for periods from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999, as follows:

Committee on Environment and Public Works: (S. Res. 26), Senators Chafee and Baucus;

Committee on Governmental Affairs: (S. Res. 39), Senators Thompson and Glenn;

Select Committee on Intelligence: (S. Res. 30), Senators Shelby and Kerrey;

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: (S. Res. 34), Senators Murkowski and Bumpers;

Committee on Finance: (S. Res. 27), Senators Roth and Moynihan; and

Committee on Foreign Relations: (S. Res. 37), Senators Helms and Biden.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine certain home-based business issues, focusing on independent contractors, home-office deductions, deductibility of health-care costs, and the experience of women business owners in seeking investment capital and federal procurement contracts, receiving testimony from Carolyn A. Stradley, C & S Paving, Inc., Marietta, Georgia; Susan Peterson, Susan Peterson Productions Inc., Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Foundation for Women Business Owners; Phyllis Hill Slater, Hill Slater, Inc., Great Neck, Long Island, New York, on behalf