

Monday, February 10, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1145–S1201

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 292–295. **Pages S1191–94**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S1152–87**

Rejected:

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. (By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 7), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1152–56, S1166–81**

Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 3, to state the policy of the United States that, in achieving a balanced budget, Federal outlays should not be reduced in a manner that disproportionately affects outlays for education, nutrition, and health programs for poor children. **Pages S1156–66, S1181–87**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the pending amendment on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1201**

Appointments:

British-American Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 102–138, appointed Senator Stevens as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress. **Page S1201**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a–1928d, as amended, appointed Senator Roth as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the North Atlantic Assembly during the 105th Congress. **Page S1201**

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to

22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed Senator Murkowski as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress. **Page S1201**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchison as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress. **Page S1201**

Washington's Farewell Address: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the reading of Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 24, 1997. **Page S1201**

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

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–11). **Pages S1188–89**

Transmitting the economic report of the President; to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM–12). **Pages S1189–90**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—7) **Page S1181**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 Noon, and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1201.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 655–665; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 46–47, H. Con. Res. 17, and H. Res. 44–45, were introduced. **Page H407**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

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

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hunter wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Committee on Ways and Means Recommendations for Designations Required by Law for the 105th Congress: Read a letter from Chairman Archer wherein he reported that the Committee designated Representatives Archer, Crane, Thomas, Rangel, and Stark to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 105th Congress; and that the Committee recommended the following members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Representatives Archer, Crane, Thomas, Rangel, and Matsui.

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Subsequently, pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974 and the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Chair announced the Speaker's selection of the following members to be accredited by the President as Official Advisors to the United States Delegations to international conferences, meetings, and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements during the First Session of the 105th Congress: Representatives Archer, Crane, Thomas, Rangel, and Matsui.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Young of Florida, Lewis of California, Shuster, McCollum, Castle, Boehlert, Bass, Gibbons, Dicks, Dixon, Skaggs, Pelosi, and Harman.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 44, electing Representative Berman to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designates Ms. Julie Perrier, to sign papers and do all other acts under the name of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in the Clerk's temporary absence or disability.

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Messages from the President: Read the following messages from the President:

Economic Report of the President: Message wherein he transmitted his economic report together with the 1997 annual report of the Council of Economic Advisors—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–2); and

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National Emergency re Iraq: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iraq—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–41).

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

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC REPORT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the United States economic situation, focusing on the 1997 Economic Report of the President, receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, February 26.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings on proposals to reform the Commodity Exchange Act, 9 a.m., SR–332.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold a closed briefing on the situation in Bosnia and the status of U.S. military forces participating in the Stabilization Force (SFOR), 10 a.m., SR–222.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the final report of the Advisory Commission to Study the Consumer Price Index, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Business meeting, to consider the nomination of Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be the Representative of the United States to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and

the Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, time to be announced, S-116 (Capitol).

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (P.L. 104-191), 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E198-99 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., on Health Care Financing Administration and on the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on the CBO, the U.S. Capitol Police and the Office of Compliance, 9:30 a.m., and on the Joint Committee on Printing, the GPO and the GAO, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Financial Services Modernization legislation including H.R. 268, Depository Institution Affiliation and Thrift Charter Conversion Act, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 1998, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on the Department of Energy's proposed budget for fiscal year 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing and mark up of the Armored Car Reciprocity Amendments of 1997, 4:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long

Learning, hearing on Reform of the Major Federal Job Training Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to consider an oversight plan for the 105th Congress, 9:45 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Administration's International Affairs Budget Request for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding Title III of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status of the investigation into Persian Gulf War illnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules: to consider the following: H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives; H.R. 581, Family Planning Facilitation and Abortion Funding Restriction Act of 1997; adopting oversight plan for the 105th Congress; and other Committee business, 1:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, briefing on Secure Communications, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing to review the findings and recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1998 Budget, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

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

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2:15 p.m., Tuesday, February 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

Senate may also consider the nomination of Bill Richardson, to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: No recorded votes are expected.

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