

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 348–357, and S. Res. 59. **Page S1553**

Measures Passed:

Population Planning: By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 36, approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program. **Pages S1518–24**

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 amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Rejected:

Reid Amendment No. 8, to require that the outlay and receipt totals of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds not be included as a part of the budget totals. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Hollings/Specter/Bryan Amendment No. 9, to add a provision proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

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Leahy (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 10, to provide that only Congress shall have authority to enforce the provisions of the balanced budget constitutional amendment, unless Congress passes legislation specifically granting enforcement authority to the President or State or Federal courts. **Page S1537**

Graham/Robb Amendment No. 7, to strike the limitation on debt held by the public. **Page S1547**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain further amendments to be proposed to the resolution. **Page S1516**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

Appointments:

U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed Senator McCain, from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy. **Page S1588**

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed Senator Kempthorne, from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Page S1588**

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U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Coats, from the Committee on Armed Services, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Page S1588**

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

Transmitting a report of the supplementary agreement between the U.S. and Great Britain; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–15). **Pages S1549–50**

Transmitting the report of the 1997 national drug control strategy; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–16). **Pages S1550–51**

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Wyche Fowler, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Princeton Nathan Lyman, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Routine lists in the Army, Air Force, and Navy.

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 Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today.
 (Total—14) **Pages S1524, S1546–47**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, February 26, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1588.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM TAX POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine certain taxes affecting American farmers, focusing on estate and capital gains taxes and their impact on United States agricultural producers, receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Hagel; Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; William W. Beach, Heritage Foundation, and Larry W. Mitchell, National Farmers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Clark Willingham, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition; William Sprague, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, Sturgis, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Ralph Grossi, Novato, California, on behalf of the American Farmland Trust; and Cynthia Cruea, Pierre, South Dakota, on behalf of Women Involved in Farm Economics.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/ INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA/ HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; John H. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Affairs, and Kirsten S. Moy, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, both of the Department of the Treasury; Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and George Knight, Executive Director, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 4.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary, and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff, both of the United States Air Force.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOMEOWNERS PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 318, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, receiving testimony from Representative Hansen; Michele Meier, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; R. Layne Morrill, Shepherd of the Hills Realtors, Kimberling City, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of Realtors; Kenneth L. Nicholson, Overland Park, Kansas, on behalf of the Appraisal Institute; Brian L. McDonnell, Navy Federal Credit Union, Vienna, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions and the Credit Union National Association; Ron McCord, American Mortgage and Investment Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America; Frank J. Sutkowski, Liberty Bank, Middletown, Connecticut, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; and William H. Lacy, Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERIOR AND FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; and David Sunding, Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisers.

FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held hearings on proposed legislation to provide the