

Monday, February 23, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Landrieu read Washington's Farewell Address.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S797-S864

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1663-1668, S.J. Res. 41, and S. Res. 179. **Pages S836-37**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Thursday, February 19, during the adjournment:

S. 1133, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-164) **Page S836**

Reported today:

S. 1668, to encourage the disclosure to Congress of certain classified and related information. (S. Rept. No. 105-165) **Page S836**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate began consideration of S. 1663, to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics by a corporation or labor organization, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S817-32**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1646, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S830-32**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Tuesday, February 24, 1998, with a vote on a motion to table to occur thereon. **Page S832**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Raymond L. Bramucci, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Seth D. Harris, of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S863**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

John Warren McGarry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 1997. **Page S864**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S863.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on S. 1260, to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law by setting national standards for stocks that are traded on the national markets, after receiving testimony from Boris Feldman, Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, Palo Alto, California; Richard W. Painter, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York; Michael Morris, Sun Microsystems, Inc.,

Mountain View, California; Mary Rouleau, Consumer Federation of America, and John F. Olson, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Harry Weatherly, Jr., Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association.

CHILD CARE SYMPOSIUM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families met to discuss certain child care and parenting issues, receiving testimony from Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Diane G. Fisher, Terrace Park, Ohio, and Anita K. Blair, Arlington, Virginia, both on behalf of the Independent Women's Forum, Ar-

lington, Virginia; Jay Belsky, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; Armand M. Nicholi, Jr., Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; Danielle Crittenden, Women's Quarterly, Darcy Olsen, Cato Institute, Helen Blank, Children's Defense Fund, Charmaine Yoest, Family Research Council, Robert Rector, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Ellen Galinsky, Families and Work Institute, New York, New York; Maggie Gallagher, Institute for American Values, Westchester, New York; Wade Horn, National Fatherhood Initiative, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Heidi Brennan, Mothers at Home, and Brenda Hunter, both of Vienna, Virginia; Michael Lotito, Society for Human Resource Management, Alexandria, Virginia; and Stanley I. Greenspan, Reading, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Tuesday, February 24.

Committee Meetings

EDUCATION STANDARDS AND TESTING IN THE STATES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Education Standards and Testing in the States. Testimony was heard from Terry Branstad, Governor, State of Iowa; Frank Brogan, Commissioner of Education, State of Florida; Michael Ward, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION

Committee of Education and the Workforce: On February 19, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum regarding the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D95)

S. 1564, to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust. Signed February 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-158)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through 28, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will consider the veto message to accompany H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, Military Construction Appropriations, 1998, with a vote on the message to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 1663, regarding campaign finance reform, and may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, February 24, 1998*, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 24 and 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, Tuesday, for the Agricultural Research Service, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, Economic Research Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m.; Thursday, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m.; SD-138.