

Friday, February 27, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1133–S1176*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1691–1693, and S. Res. 186. Page S1155

**ISTEA Authorization:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S1147–50, S1154

Adopted:

Bond Amendment No. 1677 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require that, in funding natural habitat and wetland mitigation efforts related to Federal-aid highway projects, a preference be given, to the maximum extent practicable, to the use of certain mitigation banks. Pages S1148–50

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, March 2, 1998.

**Agriculture Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act—Conferees:** The Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the follow-

ing conferees: Senators Lugar, Cochran, Coverdell, Harkin, and Leahy. Pages S1135–47

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:43 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 2, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1173.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUDGET REQUESTS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings on budget requests for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony on behalf of funds for their respective operations from Earl A. Powell III, Director, National Gallery of Art; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 4.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 2.

### Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.