

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2781–S2878

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1883–1893 and S. Res. 203–205. **Pages S2850–51**

Measures Passed:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of March 26, 1998, Senate passed H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1768, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate. **Page S2826**

The Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Faircloth, Hutchison, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, and Boxer. **Page S2826**

Recognizing the Tennessee Lady Volunteers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, expressing the sense of the Senate that the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team is the new dynasty in collegiate women's basketball. **Pages S2826–27**

Commending the University of Kentucky Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 204, to commend and congratulate the University of Kentucky on its men's basketball team winning its seventh National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. **Pages S2827–28**

Congressional Budget: Senate resumed consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2781–S2826, S2828–47**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 49), Sessions/Enzi Amendment No. 2166, to express the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forego a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children. **Pages S2782–86**

Gregg Amendment No. 2167, to express the sense of the Senate that this resolution assumes that no immunity from liability will be provided to any manufacturer of a tobacco product. **Pages S2809–11**

By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 51), Gregg/Conrad Amendment No. 2168 (to Amendment No. 2167), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S2809–11**

Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 2169, to express the sense of the Congress regarding freedom of health care choice for medicare seniors. **Pages S2813–25**

Conrad/Lautenberg/Bingaman/Reed Amendment No. 2174, to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution protects public health. **Pages S2831–41**

Conrad (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 2175, to express the sense of the Senate regarding elementary and secondary school modernization and construction. **Page S2781**

Conrad (for Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 2176, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to accommodate an initiative promoting after-school education and safety. **Pages S2812–13**

Brownback Amendment No. 2177, to express the sense of the Senate regarding economic growth, Social Security, and Government efficiency. **Page S2782**

Burns Amendment No. 2178, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of agricultural trade programs to promote the export of United States agricultural commodities and products. **Page S2782**

Smith (Oregon) Amendment No. 2179, to express the sense of the Senate on Social Security taxes. **Pages S2785–86**

Smith (Oregon) Amendment No. 2180, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to the use of marijuana for medicinal purpose. **Pages S2786, S2814**

Smith (Oregon) Amendment No. 2181, to express the sense of the Senate concerning increases in the prices of tobacco products. **Page S2786**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2183, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the enactment of a patient's bill of rights. **Pages S2786-87**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2184, to increase Function 500 discretionary budget authority and outlays to support innovative education reform efforts in urban and rural school districts. **Pages S2786-87**

Kennedy Amendment No. 2185, to express the sense of the Congress regarding additional budget authority for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Pages S2786-87**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2186, to provide a reserve fund to pay for increased Pell Grants by reducing or eliminating corporate welfare tax expenditures. **Pages S2799, S2813**

Wellstone/Moynihan Amendment No. 2187, to express the sense of the Senate regarding a report of the Secretary of Health and Human Services evaluating the outcomes of welfare reform. **Page S2799**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2188, to provide additional funds for medical care for veterans. **Pages S2799-S2800, S2813**

Thurmond Amendment No. 2191, to clarify outlay levels for major functional categories. **Pages S2811-12**

Thurmond Amendment No. 2192, to clarify outlay levels for national defense. **Pages S2811-12**

Lautenberg (for Hollings) Amendment No. 2193, to provide a supermajority point of order against any change in the off-budget status of Social Security. **Page S2812**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 2194, to express the sense of the Senate to ensure that the tobacco reserve fund in the resolution may be used to protect the public health. **Page S2812**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 2195, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for environmental and natural resources. **Page S2812**

Lautenberg (for Kohl/Reid) Amendment No. 2204, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the establishment of a national background check system for long-term care workers. **Pages S2825-26**

Lautenberg (for Durbin/Chafee) Amendment No. 2205, to express the sense of Congress regarding the right to affordable, high-quality health care for seniors. **Pages S2825-26**

Reid/Bryan Amendment No. 2206, to express the sense of the Senate that the landowner incentive program included in the Endangered Species Recovery Act should be financed from a dedicated source of funding and that public lands should not be sold to fund the landowner incentive program of the Endangered Species Recovery Act. **Pages S2828-31**

Domenici (for Roth) Amendment No. 2209, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Finance shall consider and report a legislative proposal this year that would dedicate the Federal budget surplus to the establishment of a program of personal retirement accounts for working Americans. **Page S2841**

Lautenberg (for Johnson) Amendment No. 2210, to express the sense of the Senate regarding repair and construction of Indian schools. **Pages S2841-42**

Allard Amendment No. 2170, to require the reduction of the deficit, a balanced Federal budget, and the repayment of the national debt. **Pages S2842-44**

Craig Amendment No. 2211, to modify the pay-as-you-go requirement of the budget process to require that direct spending increases be offset only with direct spending decreases. **Pages S2844-47**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of the following amendments:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 50), Murray Amendment No. 2165, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to reduce class size by hiring 100,000 teachers. **Pages S2787-99**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 52), Conrad (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2173, to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for child care improvements. **Pages S2800-09, S2811**

Subsequently, a point of order that the amendments were violations of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendments thus fell. **Page S2811**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote to occur on Amendment No. 2169, at 12 noon, and on Amendment No. 2174, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. **Page S2878**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Wednesday, April 1, 1998.

Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. **Page S2878**

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

Transmitting a report concerning B-2 bombers; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-116). **Pages S2848-49**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Nora M. Manella, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California vice Mariana R. Pfaelzer, retired. **Page S2878**

Messages from the President: **Pages S2848-49**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2864-72**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2872-78**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—52) **Pages S2786, S2799, S2811**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2878.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—CFTC/FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Brooksley Born, Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Michael A. Friedman, Lead Deputy Commissioner, Robert J. Byrd, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Systems, and William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, all of the Food and Drug Administration, and Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Budget, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on certain economic and political issues, receiving testimony from Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary, and Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under

Secretary for Economic Business and Agricultural Affairs, both of the Department of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 21.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice, focusing on counter terrorism programs, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on strategic nuclear policy and related matters, receiving testimony from Edward L. Warner, III, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command; Adm. Stansfield Turner, USN (Ret.), former Director of Central Intelligence; Kathleen C. Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory/University of California, Berkeley; Keith B. Payne, National Institute for Public Policy, Fairfax, Virginia; and Bruce Blair, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 1802, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2001 for the Surface Transportation Board, after receiving testimony from Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Ed Rastatter, National Industrial Transportation League, Arlington, Virginia; Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Huntsman Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.; Kendell Keith, Washington, D.C., and Ed Lauer, Attebury Grain Inc., Amarillo, Texas, both on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association; Robert G. Szabo, Consumers United for Rail Equity, Terry C. Whiteside, Alliance for Rail Competition, James A. Hagen, Association of American Railroads, and Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.; Robb Todd, City Council of Houston, Texas; K. Earl Durden,