

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act.  
Senate passed Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act.  
The House passed H.R. 10, Financial Services Competition Act of 1997.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4749–S4843*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2071–2078 and S. Res. 230. **Page S4823**

#### Measures Passed:

***Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act:*** By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 132), Senate passed S. 1244, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4769–72**

***Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act:*** By 79 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 135), Senate passed S. 1260, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments to be proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S4778–S4816**

#### Adopted:

Sarbanes Amendment No. 2397, to preserve the right of a State or a political subdivision thereof or a State pension plan from bringing actions under the securities laws. **Page S4811**

#### Rejected:

Sarbanes/Bryan/Johnson Amendment No. 2395, to provide that the appropriate State statute of limitations shall apply to certain actions removed to Federal court. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 133), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4802–07, S4810**

Sarbanes/Bryan/Johnson Amendment No. 2396, to define a class action. (By 72 yeas to 27 nays, one responding present, (Vote No. 134), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4807–11**

#### Withdrawn:

Feingold Amendment No. 2394, to amend certain Federal civil rights statutes to prevent the involuntary application of arbitration to claims that arise from unlawful employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. **Pages S4792–94**

Biden Amendment No. 2398, regarding fraud as a predicated offense. **Pages S4811–12**

***Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 255, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S4842**

***Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 262, authorizing the 1998 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds. **Page S4842**

***Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 263, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the seventeenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S4842**

***Authorizing Production of Records:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 230, authorizing the production of records by the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page S4842**

**Missile Defense System:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1873, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack. **Pages S4749–69**

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

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 131), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to

close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Pages S4768–69**

**Department of Defense Authorizations:** Senate began consideration of S. 2057, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. **Pages S4817–18**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 14, 1998. **Page S4843**

**IRS Reform—Conferees:** Pursuant to the order of May 6, 1998, the Chair appointed conferees on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, as follows: from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Nickles, Gramm, Moynihan, Baucus, Graham, Breaux, and Kerrey; and from the Committee on Governmental Affairs: Senators Thompson, Brownback, Cochran, Durbin, and Cleland.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105–44).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Pages S4841–42**

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

Transmitting the report concerning the Indian nuclear tests on May 11, 1998; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–125). **Page S4820**

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–126). **Page S4820**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Arthur J. Tarnow, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

George Caram Steeh, III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S4843**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. **Page S4843**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S4820**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S4820–21**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S4821**

**Petitions:** **Pages S4821–23**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S4823–34**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S4834–35**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4835–36**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S4836–37**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4837–41**

**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:** **Pages S4818–19**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S4768–69, S4772, S4810–11, S4815**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 14, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4843.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 20.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund to expand access to credit and financial services in low income urban, rural, and Native American communities, after receiving testimony from former Representative Floyd Flake; John D. Hawke, Jr., Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, and Ellen W. Lazar, Director, CDFI Fund, both of the Department of the Treasury; Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Martin Eakes, Self-Help, Durham, North Carolina; and Mark Pinsky, National Community Capital Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.