

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S991-S1016

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 307-312, and S. Con. Res. 4. Pages S1010-11

Impeachment of President Clinton: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, taking the following action: Pages S991-S1010

By 41 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 3), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the Harkin/Wellstone motion to suspend certain portions of the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials in regard to debate by Senators on a motion to subpoena witnesses during the trial of President Clinton. Page S1010

By voice vote, Senate agreed to a motion to meet in closed session. Page S1010

Pending:

Byrd motion to dismiss the impeachment proceedings against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States.

House of Representatives motion for the appearance of witnesses at a deposition and to admit evidence not in the record.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Senate to continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Wednesday, January 27, 1999 at 1 p.m. Page S1000

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that pursuant to S. Res. 16, the votes on the motion to dismiss and the motion to subpoena witnesses occur immediately upon convening on Wednesday, January 27, 1999. Page S1000

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Legrome D. Davis, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Barbara Durham, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Timothy B. Dyk, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Keith P. Ellison, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Gary Allen Feess, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Barry P. Goode, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Ronald M. Gould, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

William J. Hibbler, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Matthew F. Kennelly, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Lynette Norton, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Virginia A. Phillips, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Stefan R. Underhill, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

T. John Ward, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Helene N. White, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Ronnie L. White, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:02 p.m., and adjourned at 8:02 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Wednesday, January 27, 1999.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRIBUSINESS CONCENTRATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine economic concentration in agriculture and agribusiness with an emphasis on changes in the pork industry and other areas of livestock farming, focusing on Cargill, Incorporated's proposed acquisition of Continental Grain Company's grain merchandising business, and S.101, to promote trade in United States agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products, and to prepare for future bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations, after receiving testimony from Senator Dorgan; Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Mark Drabenstott, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Steve D. Hunt, U.S. Premium Beef Ltd., both of Kansas City, Missouri; C. Robert Taylor, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama; Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D.C.; Leland Swenson, National Farmers Union, Washington, D.C.; Donna Reifschneider, Smithton, Illinois, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Paul Hitch, Hitch Enterprises, Guyman, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Frank Sims, Cargill, Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings on the ethical, scientific, and legal implications of the recent decision of the Department of Health and Human Services to allow federally funded stem cell research, after receiving testimony from Harold Varmus, Director, National Institutes of Health, and Harriet Rabb, General Counsel, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Eric M. Meslin, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, Rockville, Maryland; and Richard M. Doerflinger, Committee for Pro-Life Activities/National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.

TRADE POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on trade policy issues, including trade negotiating agenda, international economic agenda, including export promotion programs, trade adjustment assistance program, and administration of unfair trade laws, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, January 27.

IMPROVING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on S. 277, to improve elementary and secondary education programs, after receiving testimony from Senators Bond, Hutchison, and Lautenberg.