

Thursday, February 11, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 11 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1437–S1455*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 410–425, S. Res. 34–36, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Pages S1438–39**

#### Measures Passed:

**Authorizing Chamber Photographs:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 36, authorizing the taking of photographs in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Pages S1437–38**

**Impeachment of President Clinton:** *In closed session*, the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. **Page S1437**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if Senator Feinstein offers her motion to suspend the rules in order to attempt to consider a censure resolution and immediately following the reading of the motion by the clerk, Senator Gramm be recognized to offer a motion to postpone the Feinstein motion indefinitely.

Further, that immediately following the reporting of the Gramm motion by the clerk, the Senate proceed to a vote on the Gramm motion.

Further, that following the vote, if two-thirds of the Senate fail to defeat the motion to postpone, then the motion to suspend is withdrawn and that no further motions relative to censure be in order prior to this week's adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1455**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the appointment of a committee of Senators to escort the Chief Justice out of the Senate Chamber at the conclusion of the Court of Impeachment. **Pages S1454–55**

Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Friday, February 12, 1999.

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

Transmitting the report concerning Emigration Laws and Policies of Mongolia; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–8). **Page S1438**

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

Leonard R. Page, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

John C. Truesdale, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2003. **Page S1455**

**Messages From the President:** **Page S1438**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1450–51**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1453–54**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:07 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 12, 1999.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 313, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999; and

An original bill to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial

regulatory agency actions, to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of William Clyburn Jr., of South Carolina, and Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, each to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; and routine nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard; and

S. 82, authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, with amendments.

### EDUCATION BUDGET

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on the proposed

budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Education, focusing on special education costs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, vocational-technical education, career preparation programs, military children, and higher education, after receiving testimony from Vermont State Representative Albert J. Perry, Richford; Paul Marchand, Education Task Force/Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Betsy Brand, American Youth Policy Forum, Edward Kealy, Committee for Education Funding, Anthony Samu, United States Student Association, and William D. Hansen, Education Finance Council, all of Washington, D.C.; H. Allen Gilbert, Worcester School Board, Worcester, Vermont; John F. Deegan, Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Military Impacted Schools Association; and Dunbar Brooks, Baltimore County Public Schools, Towson, Maryland, on behalf of the National School Boards Association.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 2, 705–757; 2 private bills, H.R. 758–759; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29, H. Con. Res. 32–33, and H. Res. 53–63, were introduced. **Pages H641–44**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey (H. Rept. 106–16). **Page H641**

**Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments:** The House passed H.R. 391, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a recorded vote of 274 ayes to 151 noes, Roll No. 20. **Pages H595–H613**

Agreed to the McIntosh amendment that specifies that a fine may be imposed for a first time paperwork violation if it has the potential to cause serious harm or present a danger to public health or safety; and adds two representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, including a member from the Health Care Financing Administration, to the task force on streamlining information requirements. **Pages H603–05**

Rejected the Kucinich amendment that sought to strike provisions which waive a fine for a first time paperwork violation and establishes a policy or program for Federal agencies, except the IRS, to eliminate, delay, or reduce fines in appropriate circumstances and take into account the seriousness of the violation, public health and safety, consumer and worker protections, the environment, and previous compliance history (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 19). **Pages H605–12**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 42, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H590–95**

**Presidential Message re Mongolia:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–19). **Page H613**

**Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999:** The House passed H.R. 437, to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President by yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 21. **Pages H615–19**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 44, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. **Pages H613–15**