

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Human Rights in China Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1971–S2056

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and 5 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 466–490, and S. Res. 50–54. **Pages S2007–08**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 51, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library, without recommendation.

S. Res. 52, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, without recommendation. **Page S2007**

Measures Passed:

Human Rights in China: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 45, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, and by a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 27), Senate agreed to the resolution. **Pages S1972–83**

Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 314, to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns, on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S1982**

Special Committee on Y2K Funding Increase—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Rules and Administration to be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 7, to amend Senate Resolution 208 of the 105th Congress to increase funding of the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology-related Problems, and the Senate proceed to its consideration, with a vote to occur thereon, on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. **Page S1982**

Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senators Hutchison, Abraham, and Brownback to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki). **Page S2056**

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), appointed Senator Allard, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Burns, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy. **Page S2056**

U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), appointed Senator McCain, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Cochran, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Naval Academy. **Page S2056**

U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Santorum, from the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Hutchison, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy. **Page S2056**

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

Transmitting the report on the administration of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–10). **Page S2006**

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage

and movement of vessels; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-11).

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—27).

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:12 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Monday, March 1, 1999, for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2056.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded oversight hearings on Department of Transportation management issues raised in recent General Accounting Office and Inspector General reports, focusing on the Federal Aviation Administration, aviation, highway, and rail safety programs, Amtrak's financial condition, year 2000 computer problem, and the Coast Guard anti-drug efforts, after receiving testimony from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resource, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Peter J. Basso, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, both of the Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—IRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Internal Revenue Service, receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 4.

U.S. KOSOVO POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on United States policy regarding Kosovo, focusing on diplomacy, NATO air strike threats, a NATO-led implementation force, the Rambouillet negotiation, the Kosovo Verification Mission, and U.S. military intervention, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Thomas Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FINANCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial services providers, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Patterson, J.P. Morgan and Co. Inc., New York, New York, on behalf of the Financial Services Council; E. Lee Beard, First Federal Bank, Hazelton, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the America's Community Bankers; William L. McQuillan, City National Bank, Greeley, Nebraska, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; James D. Ericson, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurance; Robert W. Gillespie, KeyCorp, Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of the Bankers Roundtable; Hjalma Johnson, East Coast Bank Corp, Dade City, Florida, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; John G. Finneran, Jr., Capital One Financial Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia, on behalf of the Association of Financial Services Holding Companies; Bart Harvey, Enterprise Foundation, Columbia, Maryland; and Jeffrey A. Tasse, American Financial Services Association, Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, Scott A. Sinder, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America, Mary Griffin, Consumers Union, Deborah Goldberg, Center for Community Change, Kathy Ozer, National Family Farm Coalition, and John Taylor, National Community Investment Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of T.J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, and Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Non-Proliferation and National Security.