

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3823–S3887*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 826–831, and S. Con. Res. 27. Page S3848

**Measures Passed:**

*Use of Capitol Grounds/JFK Center for the Performing Arts:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 52, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Page S3829

*Use of Capitol Rotunda/NATO 50th Anniversary:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and welcoming the three newest members of NATO, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic, into NATO. Pages S3829–30

*Gold Medal Award to Rosa Parks:* Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 531, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation, and by a unanimous vote of 86 yeas (Vote No. 88), Senate passed the bill. Pages S3837–45

*Wyoming Land Transfer:* Senate passed S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest. Pages S3865–66

*Alaska Land Exchange:* Senate passed S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, after agreeing to committee amendments. Pages S3865–66

*Alaska Land Exchange:* Senate passed S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of

Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, after agreeing to committee amendments. Pages S3865–67

*Wyoming Land Transfer:* Senate passed S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property. Pages S3865, S3867

*Methane Hydrate Research and Development:* Senate passed S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources. Pages S3865, S3867

*Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Authorization:* Senate passed S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S3867–73

*Army Water Conservation and Development Authorization:* Senate passed S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S3874–87

Craig (for Chafee) Amendment No. 253, to make managers' amendments. Page S3887

**Budget Process Emergencies Designation—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, on Tuesday, April 20, 1999. Page S3874

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

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Pages S3873, S3887

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—88)	Page S3845

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 20, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3874.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DRUG KINGPINS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism met in closed session to receive a briefing on issues relating to the targeting of assets of drug kingpins from Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bill Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 1474, was introduced. Page H2137

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H.R. 929, to amend title 13, United States Code, to require that the questionnaire used in taking the 2000 decennial census be made available in certain languages besides English (H. Rept. 106–96);

H.R. 1010, to improve participation in the 2000 decennial census by increasing the amounts available to the Bureau of the Census for marketing, promotion, and outreach, amended (H. Rept. 106–97);

H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters, and for other amended (H. Rept. 106–98); and

H.R. 1184, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, amended (H. Rept. 106–99 Part 1). Page H2137

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2135

**Official Objectors for the Private Calendar:** The Chair announced the majority and minority leadership appointments of official objectors for the Private Calendar. For the majority: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Gekas, and Coble. For the minority: Representatives Boucher and DeLauro. Page H2135

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. John Henry of Florida to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board to fill a five-year term. Page H2135

**Senate Messages:** Message received by the Clerk on April 16 appears on page H2135.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the science and technology program and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings on S. 25, to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban