

Thursday, January 27, 2000

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Session and received the President's State of the Union Message.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S107–S119*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2010–2013. **Page S113**

#### Measures Passed:

**Joint Session:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 241, to provide that the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of receiving the President's State of the Union message. **Page S107**

**Joint Session Escort Committee:** The President of the Senate was authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States to the House Chamber for a Joint Session. **Page S107**

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

Transmitting the State of the Union Address (PM–78). **Pages S107–13**

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

Nancy Killefer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board. **Page S119**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S107–13**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S113**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S113**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S113–19**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S119**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 8:30 p.m., and adjourned at 10:52 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, January 31, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S107.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

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**Bills Introduced:** 31 public bills, H.R. 3518–3530, 3533–3550; 3 private bills, H.R. 3531–3532, 3551; and 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 240–244, and H. Res. 401–407, were introduced. **Pages H47–49**

#### Reports Filed:

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, amended (H. Rept. 106–489). **Page H47**

**Quorum of the House Assembled:** The Speaker announced that pursuant to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 235, 106th Congress, the House will now proceed to organizational business. **Page H5**

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**Prohibition of Electronic Devices in the House Chamber:** Pursuant to clause five of Rule XVII, the Speaker reiterated the absolute prohibition against the use of any personal electronic office equipment

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