

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S705–S754

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2087–2088. **Page S741**

Affordable Education Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. **Pages S716–36**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, February 24, 2000.

Appointments:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed Senators Inouye and Reed to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. **Page S751**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas M. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

Michelle Andrews Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 24, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S751.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WATER QUALITY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on water quality as it pertains to agriculture and forestry, and related provisions of S. 2041, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt discharges from certain silvicultural activities from permit requirements of the national pollutant discharge elimination system, focusing on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations with regard to the Total Maximum Daily Load program and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; Carol Browner, Administrator, and J. Charles Fox, Associate Administrator for Reinvention, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Dan Glickman, Secretary, Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, and James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, all of the Department of Agriculture; James A. Kraft, Plum Creek Timber Company, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; Paul Johnson, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines; Roberta H. Savage, Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, Washington, D.C.; Robert W. Adler, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; and John Barrett, Edroy, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Coastal Coordination Council and the Management Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program.