

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1695–S1763

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2293–2299. **Page S1747**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report to accompany S. 671, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions. (S. Rept. No. 106–249)

H.R. 1374, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 State Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the “John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3189, to designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the “Joseph Iletto Post Office”.

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Measures Passed:

Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 1730, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide that certain environmental reports shall continue to be required to be submitted. **Page S1751**

Clean Air Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 1731, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that certain environmental reports shall continue to be required to be submitted. **Page S1751**

Endangered Species Act Amendment: Senate passed S. 1744, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that certain species conservation reports shall continue to be required to be submitted. **Pages S1751–52**

International Visitors Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program. **Page S1752**

World Crude Oil Supplies: Senate agreed to S. Res. 263, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (“OPEC”) cartel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries, before the meeting of the OPEC nations in

March 2000, the position of the United States in favor of increasing world crude oil supplies so as to achieve stable crude oil prices, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Flag Protection: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 2889, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1706–22**

Hollings Amendment No. 2890, to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. **Pages S1722–36**

A motion was entered to close further debate on S.J. Res. 14 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 10 a.m.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and pending amendments on Tuesday, March 28, 2000.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) that was declared in Executive Order 12865; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–96)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report relative to payments to Cuba with respect to telecommunications services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–97)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Gregory G. Govan, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief U.S. Delegate to the Joint Consultative Group.

Beverly B. Martin, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Roger L. Hunt, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. **Page S1763**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Jose Antonio Perez, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 1999.

Gail S. Tusan, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, which was sent to the Senate on August 3, 1999.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 28, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1763.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, March 24, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on DOD policies and programs to combat terrorism, after receiving testimony from Brian E. Sheridan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Charles L. Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, and Pamela B. Berkowsky, Assistant to the Secretary for Civil Support, all of the Department of Defense; and Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr., USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

RISING OIL PRICES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: On Friday, March 24, Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of the global crude oil market and its effects on the U.S. heating oil, diesel fuel, and gasoline markets and prices, and U.S. security implications, David L. Goldwyn, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, and Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy; William M. Flynn, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Albany; Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institutes, Robert E. Ebel, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Richard N. Haass, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; John P. Holdren, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology; and Adam E. Sieminski, Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown, Baltimore, Maryland.

SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE FINANCING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine long-term financing challenges confronting Social Security and Medicare programs, focusing on general income tax revenue transfers, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; David W. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy; Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 4093 was introduced. **Page H1412**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on March 24, H.R. 7, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, amended (H. Rept. 106-546); and

H.R. 1089, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to require the improved disclosure of after-tax returns regarding mutual fund performance, amended (H. Rept. 106-547). **Page H1412**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1409**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1409.

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 2:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Committee on Commerce: On March 24, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2001. Testimony was heard from T. J. Glauthier, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR CIO'S—KEY DIFFERENCES

Committee on Government Reform: On March 24, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Key Differences Between Public-Private-Sector CIO'S". Testimony was heard from Dave McClure, Associate Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, GAO; James J. Flyzik, Chief Information Officer; Department of the Treasury; Otto Doll, Commissioner, Bureau of Information and Technology, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with mind body and alternative medicines, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, 3:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the current state of deployment of hi-speed Internet technologies, focusing on rural areas, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air programs and the Army Corps of Engineers wetlands programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iran and Iraq, focusing on the future of nonproliferation policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine United States dependency on foreign oil, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold oversight hearings to examine Health Care Financing Administration's settlement policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings on child safety on the Internet, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine cyber attacks, focusing on removing roadblocks to investigation and information sharing, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business: to hold hearings to examine the extent of office supply scams, including toner-phoner schemes, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on Forest Service Research, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Departmental Management Panel and Inspectors General Panel, 10 a.m., on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Labor Relations Board, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., and on National Archives, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Selective Service System, 9:30 a.m., on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10:30 a.m., and on National Credit Union Association, 11:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Finance, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Production and Protection of Money, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on "The International Brotherhood of Teamsters One Year After the Election of James P. Hoffa", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Munitions List Export Licensing Issues, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 2753, Abandoned Mine Restoration Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Administration's Budget Request for NOAA/NMFS for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 4021, Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove Park Expansion Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3908, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on Bridging the Technological Gap: Initiatives to Combat the Digital Divide, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the 2000 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on National Reconnaissance Program Budget 9NRO, etc., 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S.J. Res. 14, Flag Desecration Prohibition, with votes on or in relation to the pending amendments to occur at 2:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

1. H. Con. Res. 269, Commending the Library of Congress and its staff encouraging participation in the library's bicentennial activities;
2. H.R. 910, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Initiative;
3. H.R. 2412, E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Fort Wayne, Indiana;
4. H.R. 1279, Aaron E. Henry Federal Building and United States Post Office in Clarksdale, Mississippi;
5. H. Con. Res. 292, Congratulating President-elect Chen Shui-bian and Vice President-elect Annette Lu of Taiwan;
6. H.R. 3707, American Institute in Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act; and
7. Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5, Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act.

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