

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1833–S1924

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2310–2327, and S. Con. Res. 100. **Pages S1883–84**

Measure Rejected:

Flag Protection Constitutional Amendment: By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 48), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to pass 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. **Pages S1833–43, S1857–74**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on S.J. Res. 14 (listed above). **Page S1839**

Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Burns, Stevens, Gorton, Hutchison, Abraham, Hollings, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, and Wyden; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for items within their jurisdiction: Senators Gramm, Bennett, and Sarbanes; and from the Committee on the Judiciary for items within their jurisdiction: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy.

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Satellite Loan Guarantees Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2097, to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television

broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, on Thursday, March 30, 2000. **Page S1924**

Gas Tax Repeal Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday, occur no later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—48) **Pages S1839, S1874**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1924.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, after receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Secretary, and Gen.

Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to continue markup of an original concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AMATEUR SPORTS GAMBLING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine issues dealing with gambling in amateur sports, including related provisions of S. 2267, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing substances by athletes (pending on Senate calendar), receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Edwards; Representatives Graham, Roemer, Gibbons, and Berkley; Charles T. Wethington, Jr., University of Kentucky, Lexington, on behalf of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; Jim Calhoun, University of Connecticut Men's Basketball, Storrs; Timothy A. Kelly, National Gambling Impact Study Commission, Alexandria, Virginia; Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., American Gaming Association, Washington, D.C.; Don Yeager, Sports Illustrated, New York, New York; Brian Sandoval, Nevada Gaming Commission, Reno; Kenneth Winters, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and Bobby Siller, Nevada Gaming Control Board, Carson City.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

LAND CONVEYANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, after receiving testimony from Elaine F. Brong, Deputy Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; Dennis Bschor, Director, Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Wyoming State Senator Henry H.R. Coe, Cody, on behalf of the Park County Board of Commissioners; Jack Rich, Rich Ranch, Seeley Lake, Montana; Becky Smith, Orange Torpedo Trips, Grants Pass, Oregon, and Doug Tims, Maravia Cor-

poration, Boise, Idaho, both on behalf of the America Outdoors; David E. Jenkins, American Canoe Association, Springfield, Virginia; and Jason D. Robertson, American Whitewater Association, Silver Spring, Maryland.

MEDICARE REFORM—PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program, focusing on current and supplemental drug coverage, beneficiary income spending, benefit design, and cost controls, receiving testimony from Senators Frist, Kennedy, Snowe, and Wyden; Representative Bilirakis; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Fogarty, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors; Carol J. McCall, Allscripts, Inc., Libertyville, Illinois; and Marjorie Dorr, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Connecticut, North Haven, on behalf of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michelle Andrews Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine budget and oversight issues to better position the federal government to meet current and emerging challenges and shape a more efficient and effective government, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts resumed oversight hearings on alleged Chinese espionage, focusing on the handling of the investigation of Peter Lee, receiving testimony from Stephen W. Preston, General Counsel, and John G. Schuster, Jr., Branch Head, Submarine Security and Technology Branch (OPNAV N875), both of the Department of the Navy; Dan Sayner, Assistant Special-Agent-in-Charge, Los Angeles Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Thomas L. Cook, Nonproliferation and International Security Division, NIS-9/Weapon Design Technologies, Los

Alamos National Laboratory, and Richard Twogood, former Technical Director, Non-Acoustical Anti-Submarine Warfare Program, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy.

Hearings continue Wednesday, April 5.

CAMPAIGN REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed oversight hearings to examine issues dealing with campaign finance reform, focusing on Presidential selection process and campaign contribution limits, after receiving testimony from Senators Thompson, Lieberman, and Gorton; Roger Pilon, CATO Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, and Derek Cressman, United States Public Interest Research Group, both of Washington, D.C.; Lamar Alexander, Nashville, Tennessee; and Herbert E. Alexander, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Hearings continue Friday, April 7.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1509, to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, with an amendment.

CHOCTAW INDIAN LAND TRUST

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Mississippi.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4109–4128; 2 private bills, H.R. 4129–4130; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 295 and H. Res. 451–452, were introduced. **Pages H1587–88**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay (Rept. 106–550);

H.R. 1359, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the “Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–551);

S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse”, amended (H. Rept. 106–552); and

H.R. 1776, to expand home ownership in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 106–553).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nussle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1481**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of March 28 by a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 47 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 80. **Pages H1481, H1484–85**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 3908, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages H1495–H1585**

Agreed To:

Toomey amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that appropriated \$4 billion from the on-budget surplus to reduce publicly held debt (agreed to by a recorded vote of 420 yeas with none voting “no” and 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 83);

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Hutchinson amendment, printed in H. Rept. 106–549, that allocates \$15 million of unobligated funding in the Community Oriented Policing Services program for initiatives to combat methamphetamine production and trafficking; **Pages H1540–41**