

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2339–2340. **Page S2040**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Friday, March 31, 2000, during the adjournment:

S. Con. Res. 101, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106–251) **Page S2040**

Measures Passed:

John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1374, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 U.S. Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the “John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2050**

Joseph Iletto Post Office: Senate passed 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”, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S2050–51**

Congressional Budget Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the Congressional Budget Resolution on Tuesday, April 4, 2000. **Page S2051**

Appointment:

Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair, announced that pursuant to P.L. 105–134, the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, the appointment of the following individual, appointed by the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, to the Amtrak Reform Council: James E. Coston of Illinois vice Donald R. Sweitzer of Virginia. **Page S2051**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 2:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 4, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2051.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: On Friday, March 31, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Energy’s findings at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Paducah, Kentucky, and plans for cleanup at the site, after receiving testimony from Carolyn L. Huntoon, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Environment, Safety and Health, and William D. Magwood IV, Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, all of the Department of Energy; Keith H. Dinger, Somersworth, New Hampshire, on behalf of the Health Physics Society; and John M. Driskill, United Plant Guard Workers of America, Paducah, Kentucky.

OLDER WORKER EMPLOYMENT

Special Committee on Aging: Committee held hearings to examine employment demand for older workers, focusing on obstacles hindering participation in the labor market, flexibility in retirement programs, and phased retirement programs, receiving testimony from Representative Pomeroy; Joseph Perkins, American Association of Retired Persons, Scott A. Morris, Committee for Economic Development, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen Meyer, Hy-Vee, Inc.,

West Des Moines, Iowa; September L. Dau, Iowa Lakes Rural Electric Cooperative, Esterville, Iowa, on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association; and Wilma K. Schopp, Monsanto/

Pharmacia and Upjohn, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4149–4160; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 297, H. Res. 453, 456, were introduced. **Page H1673**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4052, to preserve certain reporting requirements under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives (H. Rept. 106–555);

The Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program: Unproven Force Protection (H. Rept. 106–556).

H. Res. 454, providing for consideration of H.R. 2418, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs relating to organ procurement and transplantation (H. Rept. 106–557) and

H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of H.R. 3671, to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts (H. Rept. 106–558).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Agency Reporting Requirements to the Committee on Science: H.R. 3904, to prevent the elimination of certain reports;

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Methane Hydrate Research and Development: H. Res. 453, providing for the consideration of the

bill H.R. 1753, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act, and the Senate amendments thereto;

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Use of Capitol Grounds for the John F. Kennedy Center: H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;

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Judge J. Smith Henley Federal Building, Harrison, Arkansas: H.R. 1605, amended, to designate the United States courthouse building located at 402 North Walnut Street and Prospect Avenue in Harrison, Arkansas, as the “Judge J. Smith Henley Federal Building.” Agreed to amend the title;

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Use of Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service;

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Use of Capitol Grounds for the Library of Congress: H. Con. Res. 279, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress;

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Agency Reporting Requirements to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: H.R. 4052, to preserve certain reporting requirements under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

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Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building, Youngstown, Ohio: 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”;

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C.B. King United States Courthouse, Albany Georgia: S. 1567, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the “C.B. King United States Courthouse.” Agreed to amend the title;

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Participation of the Extremist FPO in Austrian Government: H. Res. 429, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the participation of the extremist FPO in the government of Austria; **Pages H1645–48**

Mutual Fund Tax Awareness Act: H.R. 1089, amended, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to require the improved disclosure of after-tax returns regarding mutual fund performance (passed by a ye and nay vote of 358 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 96); and **Pages H1648–51, H1656–57**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan: H.R. 3591, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation (passed by a ye and nay vote of 350 yeas to 8 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 97). **Pages H1651–55, H1657**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. **Page H1656**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1631.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1656–57 and H1657. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 a.m. and adjourned at p.m. 8:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

“ARE THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELIABLE”

Committee on Government Reform: On March 31, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on “Are the Financial Records of the Federal Government Reliable.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Joshua Gotbaum, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 3671, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute, now printed in the bill, as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule waives clause 4 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Alaska.

ORGAN PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPLANTATION NETWORK AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2418, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Commerce. The rule makes in order the Committee on Commerce amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony

was heard from Chairman Bliley and Representatives LaHood, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Dingell, Rush, DeGette, Barrett of Wisconsin, Luther, and Moakley.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on Chechnya, Russia and U.S. Policy and aid programs, 10:30 a.m., SR-301.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Treasury, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on United States support for counter-narcotics activities in the Andean Ridge and neighboring countries, and the impact of narco-trafficking on the stability of the region, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on joint requirements, capabilities, and experimentation, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on S.1712, to provide authority to control exports, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nominations of Donald Arthur Mahley, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Chemical and Biological Arms Control Issues; and 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, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the international trafficking of women and children, focusing on prosecution, testimonies, and prevention, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Institute of Museum and Library Services and National Education Goals Panel, 10 a.m., and on public witnesses, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, oversight on Customs—Automated Commercial Environment, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on National Science Foundation, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Modernizing ERISA to Promote Security, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Fiscal Year 1999 Audit of the Corporation for National Service, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Drug Treatment Options within the Criminal Justice System, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Reauthorization of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for Fiscal Years 2002-2005, 3 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to continue hearings on the Future of the Export Administration Act, Part 2, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 3767, Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3244, Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3291, Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act; and H.R. 3468, Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Effect of the New Forest Rules on National Recreation, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2249, Corinth Battlefield Preservation Act of 1999; H.R. 2773, Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act of 1999; and H.R. 2833, Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 3660, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2000, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information: Possible Solutions, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings on the deteriorating freedom of media and speech in Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, 1 p.m., 334, Cannon Building.

Resumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive resumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 24 through March 31, 2000

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	31	31	..
Time in session	206 hrs., 22'	172 hrs., 3'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,027	1,630	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	471	..
Public bills enacted into law	4	6	10
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	3	11	..
Measures passed, total	52	78	130
Senate bills	12	5	..
House bills	6	32	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	10	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	9	..
Simple resolutions	20	26	..
Measures reported, total	*37	*63	100
Senate bills	17	3	..
House bills	11	35	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..7	..
Simple resolutions	6	18	..
Special reports	1	1	..
Conference reports	1	2	..
Measures pending on calendar	153	80	..
Measures introduced, total	409	746	1,155
Bills	340	631	..
Joint resolutions	6	6	..
Concurrent resolutions	24	57	..
Simple resolutions	39	52	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	51	57	..
Recorded votes .....	..	37	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 24 through March 31, 2000

Civilian nominations totaling 248 (including 142 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed as follows:		
Confirmed		11
Unconfirmed		235
Withdrawn		2
Other Civilian nominations totaling 937 (including 778 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed as follows:		
Confirmed		937
Air Force nominations, totaling 2,591 (including 15 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed as follows:		
Confirmed		1,139
Unconfirmed		1,449
Returned to White House		3
Army nominations, totaling 1,733 (including 204 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed as follows:		
Confirmed		1,219
Unconfirmed		512
Returned to White House		2
Navy nominations, totaling 572 (including 20 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed as follows:		
Confirmed		261
Unconfirmed		309
Returned to White House		2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 866 (including 1 nomination carried over from the First Session), disposed as follows:		
Confirmed		856
Unconfirmed		10
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from First Session		1,150
Total Nominations received this session		5,797
Total Confirmed		3,486
Total Unconfirmed		3,452
Total Withdrawn		2
Total Returned to White House		7

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 22 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 66 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of S. Con. Res. 101, Congressional Budget.

(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 H.R. 2418, Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments (structured rule, one hour of general debate)

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