

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2483–S2552*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2383–2402, S. Res. 285, and S. Con. Res. 103. **Pages S2526–27**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–260) **Page S2526**

**Gas Tax Repeal:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday. **Pages S2497–S2506**

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

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 80), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2506**

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act:** Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, and then began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendment proposed there-to: **Pages S2506–20**

Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2513–14**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3090 (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 Thursday, April 13, 2000. **Page S2514**

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

Berle M. Schiller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Robert S. Gawthrop, deceased.

Richard Barclay Surrick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania vice Lowell A. Reed, Jr., retired.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—80) **Page S2506**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:05 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 12, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2517.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of