

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2463–2474, and S. Res. 297. **Page S2940**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 272, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively engaged in southeastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition; and fully implement the Stability Pact, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 98, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and with an amended preamble. **Page S2940**

Measures Passed:

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 297, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *Martin A. Lopow v. William J. Henderson*.

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Victims Rights: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

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Senate may resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above).

Nuclear Waste/Veto Message—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon receipt of the veto message to accompany S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, it be considered as read and spread in full upon the Journal and then temporarily laid aside. Further consent was reached providing for consideration of the veto message beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, and at 3:15 p.m., vote on reconsideration of the bill, the objections of the President notwithstanding.

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Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon on Thursday, April 27, 2000, the Senate proceed to the cloture vote on Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090 to 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. **Page S2948**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:02 a.m., and adjourned at 5:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2948.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on issues relating to stem cell research, after receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; Gerald Fischbach, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Allen M. Spiegel, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, and Frank Young,

Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Mary Jane Owen, National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence S. B. Goldstein, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, on behalf of the American Society for Cell Biology; Christopher Reeve, Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, Springfield, New Jersey; and Jennifer Estess, Los Angeles, California.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on acquisition reform efforts, the acquisition workforce, logistics contracting and inventory management practices, and the Defense Industrial Base, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Donald Mancuso, Deputy Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

SECURITIES INDUSTRY MARKET STRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings on the security industry market structure, focusing on competition and transparency, the New York Stock Exchange Market Structure Report, and the Intermarket Trading System, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Grasso, New York Stock Exchange, New York; Antonio Cecin, U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Kenneth D. Pasternak, Knight/Trimark Group, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey; John W. Bachmann, Edward Jones Investments, St. Louis, Missouri; Harold Bradley, American Century Investors, Kansas City, Missouri; and David Colker, Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Chicago, Illinois.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held hearings on S. 2273, to establish the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, and S. 2048, to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, receiving testimony from Senators Hatch, Bennett, Reid, and Bryan; Molly McUsic, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Randy G. Johnson, Kent R. Petersen, and Ira Hatch, all of the Emery County Commission, Castle Dale, Utah; Wes

Curtis, Governor's Rural Partnership Office, Cedar City, Utah; Wilson G. Martin, State Historic Preservation Office, Salt Lake City, Utah; Larry Young, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Patrick Fagan, Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources, and Stuart L. Brown, on behalf of the Nevada and California Cattlemen's Associations and the Nevada and California Public Lands Councils, both of Carson City, Nevada; Charles H. Dodd, Oregon-California Trails Association, Chilcoot, California; John H. Milton III, Humboldt County Commission, Winnemucca, Nevada; and Roger Scholl, on behalf of the Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Nevada Wilderness Project, Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, and American Lands Alliance, and Susan Lynn, both of Reno, Nevada.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING PRIORITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the process for identifying the priorities and impact of U.S. international broadcasting language services, after receiving testimony from Edward E. Kaufman and Alberto Mora, both of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Washington, D.C.

HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues dealing with privacy of individually identifiable health information, focusing on related provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, receiving testimony from Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; John P. Houston, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health System, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Kathy Farmer, Hewlett Packard, Palo Alto, California, on behalf of the Washington Business Group on Health; E. Greg Koski, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston; Joanna C. Horobin, EntreMed, Inc., Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; and Charles N. Kahn III, Health Insurance Association of America, and Janlori Goldman, Georgetown University Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings on campaign finance reform issues, focusing on citizen participation, the constitutional

and practical implications of updating campaign finance law, disproportionate influence of interest groups, and perceived campaign finance abuses, receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; Laura W. Murphy, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, D.C.; E. Joshua Rosenkranz, New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York; and James Bopp, Jr., Bopp, Coleson and Bostrom, Terre Haute, Indiana, on behalf of the James Madison Center for Free Speech.

Hearings resume on Wednesday, May 3.

AUTHORIZATION—AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds

for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on American Indian education programs, including the role of school boards in hiring educators, education standards, and accountability issues, after receiving testimony from Carmen Taylor, National Indian School Board Association, Polson, Montana; Roger Bordeaux, Tiospa Zina Tribal School, Agency Village, South Dakota, on behalf of the Association of Community Tribal Schools, Inc.; Mark Sorensen, Little Singer Community School, Winslow, Arizona, on behalf of the Native American Grant School Association; Angela Barney Nez, Navajo Area School Board Association, Window Rock, Arizona; and John W. Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings on the nomination of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration; and on proposed legislation on agriculture concentration of ownership and competitive issues, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold oversight hearings on the International Monetary Fund and International Financial Institutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to resume hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any

electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1438, to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia; S. 1921, to authorize the placement within the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of a plaque to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; S. 2231, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; S. 2343, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for the purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program; S. 2352, to designate portions of the Wekiva River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 3201,