

Friday, February 12, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sitting as a Court of Impeachment adjudged President Clinton not guilty as charged in Impeachment Articles I and II.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1457-S1667

Measures Introduced: Four bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 426-429, S. Res. 37-47, and S. Con. Res. 10-11. **Pages S1643-44**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack. (S. Rept. No. 106-4). **Page S1643**

Measures Passed:

Expressing Gratitude to the Chief Justice: Senate agreed to S. Res. 37, to express gratitude for the service of the Chief Justice of the United States as Presiding Officer during the impeachment trial. **Pages S1459-60**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 27, providing for the adjournment of the Senate and House of Representatives. **Page S1637**

Commending June Ellenoff O'Neill: Senate agreed to S. Res. 39, commending June Ellenoff O'Neill for her service to Congress and to the Nation. **Page S1637**

Commending James L. Blum: Senate agreed to S. Res. 40, commending James L. Blum for his service to Congress and to the Nation. **Pages S1637-38**

Expressing Gratitude to Francis L. Burk, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, expressing the gratitude of the United States Senate for the service of Francis L. Burk, Jr., Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate. **Pages S1658-59**

Retirement of David G. Marcos: Senate agreed to S. Res. 42, relating to the retirement of David G. Marcos. **Page S1659**

Retirement of Thomas G. Pellikaan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 43, relating to the retirement of Thomas G. Pellikaan. **Pages S1659-60**

Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 19, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S1660**

Senate Rules Waiver: Senate agreed to S. Res. 38, to waive the Standing Rules of the Senate in order to permit a resolution authorizing Senate committee expenditures for the period March 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999. **Page S1660**

Retirement of William D. Lackey: Senate agreed to S. Res. 46, relating to the retirement of William D. Lackey. **Page S1667**

Impeachment of President Clinton: The Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, receiving further deliberations in closed session, and taking the following actions in open session: **Pages S1457-60, S1462-S1637**

Article I, that in his conduct while President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, has willfully corrupted and manipulated the judicial process of the United States for his personal gain and exoneration, impeding the administration of justice. (Vote No. 17) 45 guilty, 55 not guilty, two-thirds of the Senators present not having pronounced him guilty, the Senate adjudges that William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, is not guilty as charged in this article. **Page S1458**

Article II, that in his conduct while President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, has prevented, obstructed, and impeded the administration of justice, and has to that end engaged personally, and through his subordinates and agents, in a course of conduct or scheme designed to delay, impede, cover up, and conceal the existence of evidence and testimony related to a Federal civil rights action brought against him in a duly instituted judicial proceeding. (Vote No. 18) 50 guilty, 50 not guilty, two-thirds of the Senators present, not having pronounced him guilty, the Senate adjudges that William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States is not guilty as charged in this article.

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Order Submitted by Senator Lott: Ordered, that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to communicate to the Secretary of State, as provided by Rule XXIII of the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials, and also to the House of Representatives, the judgment of the Senate in the case of William Jefferson Clinton, and transmit a certified copy of the judgment to each.

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Admission of Affidavits—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the affidavits of Christopher Hitchens, Carol Blue, and R. Scott Armstrong be admitted into evidence in this proceeding and that the full written transcripts of the depositions taken pursuant to S. Res. 30, agreed to by the Senate on January 28, 1999, be included in the public record of the trial.

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The Court of Impeachment adjourned sine die at 12:43 p.m.

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During today's proceedings, the following also occurred:

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 11, 1999, by 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate rejected the Gramm motion to indefinitely postpone the Feinstein motion to suspend the rules of the Senate in order to consider a censure resolution.

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Subsequently, pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 11, 1999, the Feinstein motion is withdrawn, and no further motions relative to censure be in order prior to this week's adjournment of the Senate. The point of order made by Senator Gramm was sustained and the motion to proceed was ruled out of order.

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Senators' Statements Compliancy With Senate Rules—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that public statements made by Senators subsequent to the approval of the motion approved February 9, 1999, with respect to their statements made during the closed sessions, be deemed to be in compliance with the Senate rules.

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A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators have until Tuesday, February 23, 1999 to insert statements and opinions in the Congressional Record explaining their votes.

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A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to include these statements, along with the full record of the Senate's proceedings, the filings by the parties, and the supplemental materials admitted into evidence by the Senate, in a Senate document printed under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate, that will complete the documentation of the Senate's handling of these impeachment proceedings.

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Reading of Washington's Farewell Address: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, on Monday, February 22, 1999, immediately following the prayer and the disposition of the Journal, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place and the Chair be authorized to appoint Senator Voinovich to read the address.

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Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's, and Marines' Bill of Rights Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 4, to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces, on Monday, February 22, 1999.

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Authorization To Make Appointments: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding any adjournment or recess of the Senate until Monday, February 22, 1999, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Governmental Affairs to report the nomination of David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury.

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Appointments:

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appointed Senator Voinovich to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 22, 1999. **Page S1666**

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, appointed Donald R. Vickers, of Vermont, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a term ending September 30, 2001. **Page S1666**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appointed Senator Campbell as Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. **Page S1666**

First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-389, announced the appointment of the following citizens to serve as members of the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board: Peggy Baty, of Ohio, Lauch Faircloth, of North Carolina, and Wilkinson Wright, of Ohio. **Pages S1666-67**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, his re-appointment of C. John Sobotka, of Mississippi, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Pages S1666-67**

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appointed Senators Boxer and Lautenberg to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. **Page S1666**

International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: Richard L. Huber of Connecticut, Jerome L. Levinson of Maryland, Jeffrey D. Sachs of Massachusetts, Esteban E. Torres of California, and Paul A. Volcker of New York. **Page S1667**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David N. Hurd, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Naomi Reice Buchwald, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

G. Edward DeSeve, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S1667**

Messages From the House: **Page S1643**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1644-49**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S1655-57**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—19). **Pages S1458, S1459, S1462**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:36 a.m., and in accordance with H. Con. Res. 27, adjourned at 3:31 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, February 22, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1660.)

Committee Meetings

No Committee Meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 760–767; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 34, and H. Res. 64–72, were introduced. **Pages H657–58**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 149, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, amended, (H. Rept. 106–17). **Page H657**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H647**

President's Day District Work Period: Agreed that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of February 12, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, unless the House sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 27, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H647**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Pelosi, Bishop, Sisisky, Condit, Roemer, and Hastings of Florida to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H647**

Quorum Calls—Votes: No recorded votes or quorum calls developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 1999 for morning-hour debate, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 27, or, under the previous order of the House, until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 1999, if not sooner in receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 27.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT OUTLOOK

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation and Credit held a hearing to review agricultural credit outlook. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; Marsha Pyle Martin, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Robert Rubin, Secretary; John D. Hawke, Jr. Comptroller of the Currency; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and Harvey J. Goldschmid, General Counsel, SEC.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 15 through February 20, 1999

Senate Chamber

Senate will be in adjournment until Monday, February 22, 1999.

Senate Committees

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Chamber

The House is not in session.

House Committees

Committee on Government Reform, February 19. Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on the Status of the District of Columbia's Year 2000 Conversion Compliance, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Monday, February 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 23

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senator Voinovich will read Washington's Farewell Address; following which there will be a period of morning business (not to extend beyond 3 p.m.). Following morning business, Senate will begin consideration of S. 4, Soldiers, Sailors', Airmen's, and Marines' Bill of Rights Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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