

Friday, February 9, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1161–S1263

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1567 and S. 1568, and S. Con. Res. 42. **Page S1180**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1005, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 to improve the process of constructing, altering, purchasing, and acquiring public buildings, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–232)

S. 604, to amend title 49, United States Code, to relieve farmers and retail farm suppliers from limitations on maximum driving and on-duty time in the transportation of agricultural commodities or farm supplies if such transportation occurs within a 100-air mile radius of the source of the commodities or the distribution point for the farm supplies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–233)

S. 772, to provide for an assessment of the violence broadcast on television. (S. Rept. No. 104–234) **Page S1180**

Age Discrimination in Employment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 849, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers. **Pages S1262–63**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the national emergency with respect to Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–118). **Pages S1176–77**

Transmitting the report on the national emergency with respect to the Middle East peace process; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–119). **Page S1178**

Transmitting the report of the Agreement Between the United States and the Republic of Poland; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–120). **Page S1178**

Transmitting the report with respect to Japan; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–121). **Pages S1178–79**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period:

J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania.

Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard.

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Text of S. 1541 as passed the Senate: **Pages S1191–S1262**

Recess: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 1:27 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 1996, for a pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: On Thursday, February 8, committee concluded hearings on S. 295, to allow labor management to establish, assist, maintain, or participate in an organization or entity in which employees participate to address matters of mutual interest, after receiving testimony from Molly Dalman, Michael Klein, Anne Nagy, Bonny Topp, and David Khorey, all of the Donnelly Corporation, Holland, Michigan; Christopher Fuldner, EFCO Corporation, Monett, Missouri; Richard

Wellins, Development Dimensions International, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Jon Hiatt, AFL-CIO, and Alan Reuther, United Auto Workers, both of Washington, D.C.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee To Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: On Thursday, February 8, committee resumed hearings to examine

issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Jane Sherburne, Special Counsel to the President; Capricia Marshall, Special Assistant to the First Lady; Gary Walters, Head Usher, and Dennis Freemyer, Assistant Head Usher, both of the White House; and David Kendall, Williams and Connolly, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, February 13.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 2964 was introduced. **Page H1234**

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs, amended (H. Rept. 104-642, Part 1). **Page H1234**

George Washington Birthday Ceremonies: The Speaker appointed Representatives Davis and Moran to represent the House at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996. **Page H1233**

Civil Rights Commission: The Speaker reappointed Mr. Carl A. Anderson of Arlington, Virginia, as a member from private life to the Commission on Civil Rights for a six-year term, on the part of the House. **Page H1233**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H1233.

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

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

DEBT CEILING LIMIT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: On February 8, the Committee held a hearing to provide an update on the debt ceiling limit issue. Testimony was heard from Representatives Saxton, Mica, Kanjorski, and Kennedy of Massachusetts; Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On February 8, the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the use of automated screens by Medicare contractors to prevent payment of medically unnecessary claims. Testimony was heard from Gary Kavanagh, Deputy Director, Bureau of Program Operations, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sally Jaggar, Director, Health Financing and Policy Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

NII COPYRIGHT PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: On February 8, the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property concluded hearings on H.R. 2441, NII Copyright Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Jeanne Hurley Simon, Chairperson, National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; Tuck Tinsley III, President, American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D71)

H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of social security benefits in March 1996. Signed February 8, 1996. (P.L. 104-103)

S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition. Signed February 8, 1996. (P.L. 104-104)