

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2213–S2260

Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Res. 232. **Page S2245**

Measures Passed:

Commending Jean Lauver: Senate agreed to S. Res. 232, to commend Jean Schrag Lauver for her long, dedicated, and exemplary service to the United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S2235**

Continuing Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2219–43**

Adopted:

(1) Hatch Amendment No. 3499 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds to the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department. **Page S2233**

(2) Simon Amendment No. 3510 (to Amendment No. 3466), to revise the authority relating to employment requirements for recipients of scholarships or fellowships from the National Security Education Trust Fund. **Page S2233**

(3) Lautenberg Amendment No. 3518 (to Amendment No. 3466), relating to labor-management relations. **Page S2233**

(4) Burns Amendment No. 3529 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for Impact Aid school construction funding. **Page S2233**

(5) Hatfield (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3549 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds to continue the activities of Sematech. **Page S2233**

(6) Hatfield (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3550 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds for carrying out training and activities relating to the detection and clearance of landmines for humanitarian purposes. **Page S2233**

Pending:

Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2220–43**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for programs

necessary to maintain essential environmental protection. **Page S2219**

Boxer/Murray Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3466), to permit the District of Columbia to use local funds for certain activities. **Page S2219**

Gorton Amendment No. 3496 (to Amendment No. 3466), to designate the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center", located in Walla Walla, Washington. **Page S2233**

Simon Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding to carry out title VI of the National Literary Act of 1991, title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act, and section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973. **Page S2219**

Coats Amendment No. 3513 (to Amendment No. 3466), to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions. **Page S2219**

Bond (for Pressler) Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for a Radar Satellite project at NASA. **Page S2219**

Bond Amendment No. 3515 (to Amendment No. 3466), to clarify rent setting requirements of law regarding housing assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act to limit rents charged moderate income families to that charged for comparable, non-assisted housing, and clarify permissible uses of rental income in such projects, in excess of operating costs and debt service. **Page S2219**

Bond Amendment No. 3516 (to Amendment No. 3466), to increase in amount available under the HUD Drug Elimination Grant Program for drug elimination activities in and around federally-assisted low-income housing developments by \$30 million, to be derived from carry-over HOPE program balances. **Page S2219**

Bond Amendment No. 3517 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a special fund dedicated to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet crucial milestones in restructuring its administrative organization and more effectively address housing and community development needs of States and local units of government and to clarify

and reaffirm provisions of current law with respect to the disbursement of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the State of New York. **Page S2219**

Santorum Amendment No. 3484 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2219**

Santorum Amendment No. 3485 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2219**

Santorum Amendment No. 3486 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster relief provided under this Act be funded through amounts previously made available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be reimbursed through regular annual appropriations Acts. **Page S2219**

Santorum Amendment No. 3487 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I discretionary spending by the appropriate percentage (.367%) to offset Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2219**

Santorum Amendment No. 3488 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I "Salary and Expense" and "Administrative Expense" accounts by the appropriate percentage (3.5%) to offset Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2219**

Gramm Amendment No. 3519 (to Amendment No. 3466), to make the availability of obligations and expenditures contingent upon the enactment of a subsequent act incorporating an agreement between the President and Congress relative to Federal expenditures. **Pages S2219-20**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3520 (to Amendment No. 3466), to urge the President to release already-appropriated fiscal year 1996 emergency funding for home heating and other energy assistance, and to express the sense of the Senate on advance-appropriated funding for fiscal year 1997. **Page S2220**

Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3521 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster funds made available to certain agencies be allocated in accordance with the established prioritization processes of the agencies. **Page S2220**

Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3522 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2220**

Warner Amendment No. 3523 (to Amendment No. 3466), to prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing any rule or ordinance that would terminate taxicab service reciprocity agreements with the States of Virginia and Maryland. **Page S2220**

Murkowski/Stevens Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reconcile seafood inspection requirements for agricultural commodity pro-

grams with those in use for general public consumers. **Page S2220**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3525 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for the approval of an exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument. **Page S2220**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 3526 (to Amendment No. 3466), to delay the exercise of authority to enter into multiyear procurement contracts for C-17 aircraft. **Page S2220**

Burns Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3466), to allow the refurbishment and continued operation of a small hydroelectric facility in central Montana by adjusting the amount of charges to be paid to the United States under the Federal Power Act. **Page S2220**

Coats (for Dole/Lieberman) Amendment No. 3531 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for low-income scholarships in the District of Columbia. **Page S2220**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 3533 (to Amendment No. 3482), to increase appropriations for EPA water infrastructure financing, Superfund toxic waste site cleanups, operating programs, and to increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). **Page S2232**

Hatfield (for Burns) Amendment No. 3551 (to Amendment No. 3466), to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits. **Pages S2235-43**

Burns Amendment No. 3552 (to Amendment No. 3551), to establish a Commission on restructuring the circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals. **Pages S2236-37**

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

Burns Amendment No. 3530 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a Commission on restructuring the circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals was ruled out of order on a point of order that the amendment was not relevant to Amendment No. 3466, listed above, and the amendment thus fell, and Burns Amendment No. 3548 (to Amendment No. 3530), to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits, also fell. **Pages S2220-32**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, with votes to occur thereon beginning at 2:15 p.m.

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Motion Filed: A fifth motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development

Corporation and Related Matters and, by consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2259**

By prior consent agreement, a vote on the fourth cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

Product Liability Conference Report—Cloture Motion Filed: A second motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and by consent agreement, a vote, if necessary, will occur on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2259**

By prior consent agreement, a vote on the first cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

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

Transmitting the report of the agreement for cooperation between the United States and the Argentine Republic concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-132). **Pages S2243-44**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Dane Farnsworth Smith, Jr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

George F. Ward, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2260**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2259-60.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service concluded hearings on proposals to reform the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from John T. Estes, Main Street Coalition for Postal Fairness, Lee M. Cassidy, National Federation of Nonprofits, Gene A. Del Polito, Advertising Mail Marketing Association, Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Inc., Arthur B. Sackler, Time Warner Inc., and Robert J. Brinkmann, Newspaper Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Guy H. Wendler, Stamats Communication, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on behalf of American Business Press.