

Monday, March 25, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1640 and 1641. **Page S2802**

#### Measures Passed:

*Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2969, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2838**

**Administration of Presidio Properties:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, taking action on the following amendments thereto:

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#### Pending:

Murkowski modified Amendment No. 3564, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2740–90, S2792–95**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the pending amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Wednesday, March 27, 1996.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, March 26, 1996.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination: Rita Derrick Hayes, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator. **Page S2839**

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

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Charles O. Cecil, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

Wendy Jean Chamberlin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

James Francis Creagan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras.

Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua.

David C. Halsted, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad.

Dennis K. Hays, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

Dennis C. Jett, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

Donald J. Planty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala.

A routine list in the Army.

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#### Messages From the House:

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#### Measures Referred:

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#### Statements on Introduced Bills:

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#### Additional Statements:

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:17 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 26, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2838–39.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and related issues, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, March 29.

## SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings to examine the status and future of the Social Security system, focusing on the current and projected financial status of Social Security, trends in income and retirements savings, and personal security accounts, receiving testimony from Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Olivia S. Mitchell, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Howard Young, University of Michigan, Livonia, Edith U. Fierst, Fierst and Moss, and Sylvester J. Schieber, Watson

Wyatt Worldwide, both of Washington, D.C., and Edward M. Gramlich, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, all on behalf of the Advisory Council on Social Security.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert E. Morin, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 3158, was introduced. Page H2842

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2824, to authorize an exchange of lands in the State of Utah at Snowbasin Ski Area (H. Rept. 104-493);

Conference report on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs (H. Rept. 104-494);

H.R. 3074, to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone (H. Rept. 104-495);

H. R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance, amended (H. Rept. 104-496, Part I);

H.R. 3070, to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, and to simplify the administration of health insurance, amended (H. Rept. 104-497, Part I); and

H.R. 995, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide new portability, participation, solvency, claims, and other

consumer protections and freedoms for workers in a mobile workforce; to increase purchasing power for employers and employees by removing barriers to the voluntary formation of multiple employer health plans and fully-insured multiple employer arrangements; to increase health plan competition providing more affordable choice of coverage by removing restrictive State laws relating to provider health networks, employer health coalitions, and insured plans and the offering of medisave plans; to expand access to fully-insured coverage for employees of small employers through fair rating standards and open markets, amended (H. Rept. 104-498, Part I).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H2715

**Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Angola:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-189). Page H2715

**Recess:** House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:49 p.m. Page H2716

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2715.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.