

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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**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.