

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5705–S5780

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1827–1836, and S. Res. 257. **Pages S5762–63**

Defend America Act: Senate continued consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system. **Pages S5715–41**

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 157), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5741**

Balanced Budget Amendment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of H.J. Res. 1, Balanced Budget Amendment, with a vote on passage of the resolution to occur at 12 noon on Thursday, June 6, 1996. **Page S5780**

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

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–151). **Pages S5758–60**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ernest G. Green, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2001.

Lottie Lee Shackelford, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1998. (Reappointment)

Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., of Delaware, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 1999.

Lawrence Neal Benedict, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Ronnie Feuerstein Heyman, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000.

Terry Evans, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000.

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.

Henry McKoy, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring February 9, 2002.

Harold Walter Geisel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal and Islamic Republic of The Comoros.

Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo.

Robert Krueger, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

David H. Shinn, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Ethiopia. **Pages S5779–80**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Madeleine May Kunin, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to Switzerland. **Page S5780**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—157)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:24 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5780.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the chemical demilitarization program, receiving testimony from Harold P. Smith, Jr., Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Atomic Energy); Theodore Proxiv, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Chemical/Biological Matters); Maj. Gen. Robert D. Orton, Program Manager, Chemical Demilitarization, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition); and Richard Magee, Chairman, Subcommittee on Alternative Technologies, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1730, to strengthen and improve provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and to ensure that citizens and communities injured by oil spills are promptly and fully compensated, after receiving testimony from Rear Adm. James C. Card, Chief of Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Douglas K. Hall, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Douglas C. Wolcott, Chair, Committee on the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Section 4115) Implementation Review, National Research Council; Sidney H. Holbrook, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Hartford; Thomas A. Allegretti, American Waterways Operators, Arlington, Virginia; John Torgan, Save the Bay, Providence, Rhode Island; Richard Du Moulin, Marine Transport Lines, Inc., Secaucus, New Jersey, on behalf of the International Association of Independent Tanker Owners; George J. Savastano,

Ocean City Department of Public Works, Ocean City, New Jersey; and Richard H. Hobbie, III, New York, New York, on behalf of the Water Quality Insurance Syndicate and the American Institute of Marine Underwriters.

ROMANIA MFN TRADE STATUS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings S. 1644, to authorize permanent extension of most-favored-nation trade status to Romania, receiving testimony from Senator Brown; Representatives Funderburk (former U.S. Ambassador to Romania), and Lantos; Marshall F. Adair, Deputy Assistant Secretary of European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Martin M. Albanese, Lockheed Martin Ocean, Radar and Sensor Systems/Lockheed Martin Corporation, Syracuse, New York; Laszlo Hamos, Hungarian Human Rights Foundation, New York, New York; and Armand A. Scala, Congress of Romanian Americans, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

U.N. WORLD CONFERENCES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the purpose and results of recent United Nations international conferences, after receiving testimony from Representative Christopher Smith; Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Penny Nance, Concerned Women for America, and Suzanne Kindervatter, Commission on the Advancement of Women, both of Washington, D.C.; and Christine Vollmer, Latin American Alliance for the Family, Caracas, Venezuela.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1237, to revise certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, after receiving testimony from Kevin V. Di Gregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Jeffrey J. Dupilka, Deputy Chief Postal Inspector for Criminal Investigations, United States Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service; Dee Jepsen, Enough is Enough, and Bruce A. Taylor, National Law Center for Children and Families, both of Fairfax, Virginia; Frederick Schauer, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Judith F. Krug, American Library Association, Washington, D.C.; and Victor Cline, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.