

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate and House met in Joint Session and received the President's State of the Union Message.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S921–S980

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 255–262, S.J. Res. 14, and S. Res. 45–49. **Page S945**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Monday, February 3, during the adjournment:

S. Res. 42, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget. (S. Rept. No. 105–3)

S. Res. 43, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 44, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

S.J. Res. 5, waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative. **Page S945**

Reported today:

S. Res. 45, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. Res. 46, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs. **Page S945**

Measures Passed:

Breast Cancer Screening: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to S. Res. 47, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the need for accurate guidelines for breast cancer screening for women between the ages of 40 and 49. **Pages S928–34, S936–37**

Temporary and Intermittent Service: Senate agreed to S. Res. 48, providing for service on a temporary and intermittent basis by the Director of the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices. **Page S979**

Death of Representative Tejeda: Senate agreed to S. Res. 49, expressing the condolences of the Senate on the death of Representative Frank Tejeda. **Pages S979–80**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, on Wednesday, February 5, 1997. **Page S922**

Appointments:

Board of Regents/Smithsonian: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, appointed Senators Cochran and Frist as members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page S922**

Board of Trustees/JFK Center: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, appointed Senators Lott and Stevens to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page S922**

Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100–458, appointed William E. Cresswell, of Mississippi, to a term on the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, effective October 11, 1996. **Page S922**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States: Transmitting a report on an agreement between the United States and Lithuania; which was referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 94–265, 16 U.S.C. 1823(b), to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–7). **Page S938**

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Nominations received: Senate received the following nomination:

Jeffrey A. Frankel, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, vice Martin Neil Baily, resigned. **Page S980**

Messages From the President: **Pages S938-43**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total-5) **Pages S936-37**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Frank Tejeda, of Texas, in accordance with S. Res. 49, adjourned at 10:28 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, February 5, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S980.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Army sexual harassment incidents at Aberdeen Proving Ground and sexual harassment policies within the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Jared L. Bates, Inspector General, and Brig. Gen. Daniel L. Doherty, Commanding General, Criminal Investigation Command, each of the Department of the Army, Edwin Dorn, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness), John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, and Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Budget: On Thursday, January 30, committee approved for reporting an original resolution (S. Res. 44) requesting \$3,105,190 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997

through February 28, 1998, and \$3,188,897 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress.

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND TAXES

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the current operation of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, focusing on excise taxes and proposals to modify the domestic passenger ticket tax or substitute an alternative funding system, receiving testimony from Senator McCain; Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Louise Frankel Stoll, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Stephen A. Alterman, Air Freight Association, and Edward M. Bolen, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Geoffrey T. Crowley, Wisconsin Airlines Corporation, Appleton; Herbert D. Kelleher, Southwest Airlines Company, Dallas, Texas; and Michael E. Levine, Northwest Airlines, Incorporated, Eagan, Minnesota.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FLEXIBLE WORKPLACE OPTIONS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Employment and Training held hearings to examine proposals to reform the Fair Labor Standards Act, focusing on recent changes in the American workforce and the need for flexible work schedules, and on S. 4, to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, receiving testimony from Senator Hutchison; Sandra J. Boyd, Flexible Employment Compensation and Scheduling Coalition, Mark Wilson, The Heritage Foundation, William J. Kilberg, Fair Labor Standards Act Reform Coalition, Karen Nussbaum, AFL-CIO, and Edith Rasell, Economic Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael R. Losey, Society for Human Resource Management, Alexandria, Virginia; and Sallie Larsen and Christine Korzendorfer, both of TRW Systems Integration Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 13.