

Wednesday, February 26, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1593–S1687

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 358–367, and S.J. Res. 17. **Page S1659**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States During the 104th Congress First and Second Sessions." (S. Rept. No. 105–6) **Page S1659**

Measures Passed:

Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of H.R. 499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 7411 Barlito Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Frank M. Tejeda Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1650–51**

Recognizing Frank Sinatra: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert "Frank" Sinatra in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions through his entertainment career and humanitarian activities, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S1686–87**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Page S1593**

Rejected:

Feinstein Amendment No. 11, in the nature of a substitute. (By 67 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 15), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1593–S1606**

By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 16), Torricelli Amendment No. 15, to permit limited waiver when a declaration of war is in effect, national security is threatened, during economic emergencies, and allow a capital budget. **Pages S1606–28**

Dorgan Amendment No. 17, in the nature of a substitute. (By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 17), Senate tabled the amendment. **Pages S1628–44**

Boxer Amendment No. 16, to provide Federal assistance to supplement State and local efforts to alleviate the damage, loss, hardship and suffering caused by disasters or emergencies by exempting spending that is designated emergency requirements by both the President and the Congress. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 18), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1644–49**

Pending:

Hollings/Specter/Bryan Amendment No. 9, to add a provision proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. **Page S1593**

Leahy (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 10, to provide that only Congress shall have authority to enforce the provisions of the balanced budget constitutional amendment, unless Congress passes legislation specifically granting enforcement authority to the President or State or Federal courts. **Page S1593**

Graham/Robb Amendment No. 7, to strike the limitation on debt held by the public. **Page S1593**

Bumpers motion to refer the joint resolution to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report back forthwith with Bumpers/Feingold Amendment No. 12, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1606**

Feingold Amendment No. 13, to require approval of the amendment to the Constitution within 3 years after the date of its submission to the States for ratification. **Page S1606**

Feingold Amendment No. 14, to permit the use of an accumulated surplus to balance the budget during any fiscal year. **Page S1606**

Conrad (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 18, to establish that Medicare outlays shall not be reduced in excess of the amount necessary to preserve the solvency of the Medicare Health Insurance Trust Fund. **Page S1637**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain of the pending amendments, with votes to occur thereon. **Page S1629**

Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, February 27, 1997.

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

Transmitting the report on the response to threats of terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-17). **Page S1658**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-18) **Pages S1605-06, S1628, S1644, S1649**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 27, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1687.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM TAX POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain taxes affecting American farmers, focusing on estate and capital gains taxes and their impact on United States agricultural producers, after receiving testimony from Jack Kemp, Empower America, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Neil E. Harl, Iowa State University, Ames; Bob Ruggles, National Pork Producers Council, McCook, Nebraska; William W. Barton, Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association, Poland, on behalf of the American Tree Farm System, American Forest and Paper Association, and the Forest Industries Council on Taxation; Otis H. Molz, Farmland Industries, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; John Dean, Glenwood State Bank, Glenwood, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent

Bankers Association of America; Tom Bayliss, Eldon C. Stutsman, Inc., Hills, Iowa, on behalf of the Agricultural Retailers Association; and Paula A. Calimafde, Small Business Council of America, Bethesda, Maryland.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 4.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's semiannual report on monetary policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: APPEALS AND LITIGATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management met to receive testimony on the impact of the proposed Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Restoration Act on the administrative and judicial appeals of land management decisions of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management from Pamela Baldwin, Legislative Attorney American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Lawrence W. Hill, Society of American Foresters, Washington, D.C.; Kevin Kirschner, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, and Bill Meyers, National Cattlemen's Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Wade Schaefer, Sierra Club, Bismarck, North Dakota; Tim Coleman, Kettle Range Conservation Group, Republic, Washington; Mark Rentz, California Forestry Association, Sacramento; Dan Dessecker, Ruffed Grouse Society, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; and Clark Collins, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Pocatello, Idaho.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 5.

AUTHORIZATION—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; and