

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2095–S2156

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 419–425. **Page S2129**

Measures Passed:

Committee Funding: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (1 voting present) (Vote No. 29), Senate passed S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2096–S2109, S2113–25**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (1 voting present) (Vote No. 28), Lott-Thompson-Warner Amendment No. 23, of a clarifying nature. **Pages S2109, S2113–14**
Subsequently, the amendment was modified. **Page S2114**

Withdrawn:

Glenn Amendment No. 21, to clarify the scope of the investigation. **Pages S2096–S2109, S2116**

Lott-Warner Modified Amendment No. 22 (to Amendment No. 21), to limit the scope of the committee investigation to illegal activities in the 1996 Federal campaign elections, and require the referral to the Committee on Rules and Administration any evidence of activities which are not illegal but which may require an investigation. **Pages S2096–S2108**

Ngawang Choephel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 19, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibetan ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China. **Pages S2153–55**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Frederico Peña, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S2116, S2155–56**

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res.

18, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, on Wednesday, March 12, 1997. **Page S2156**

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 83-420, as amended by Public Law 99-371, appointed Senator McCain to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. **Page S2153**

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with Public Law 81-754, as amended by Public Law 93-536 and Public Law 100-365, appointed Senator Jeffords to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. **Page S2153**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Lyle Weir Swenson, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years. **Pages S2153, S2156**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 1999.

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

13 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Navy. **Page S2156**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—29)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 12, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2156.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, education, and extension programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, receiving testimony from Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences, on behalf of the National Research Council; Terry Kinney, York, South Carolina, former Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture; Dennis T. Avery, Hudson Institute, Churchville, Virginia; R. Rodney Foil, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi, on behalf of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Richard F. Ross, Iowa State University, Ames; Samuel L. Donald, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, on behalf of the Association of Research Directors for the 1890 Land-Grant Universities; Ron McNeil, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates, North Dakota, on behalf of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Margaret N. Perry, University of Tennessee, Martin, on behalf of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities; and Victor L. Lechtenberg, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board/Department of Agriculture.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 13.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Mary Ann Keeffe, Acting Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, William E. Ludwig, Administrator, and George A. Braley, Associate Administrator, both of the Food and Consumer Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 13.

APPROPRIATIONS—SBA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Navy and Air Force military construction programs, receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installation, and Environment.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Teresa Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center; and Leslie L. Byrne, Special Assistant to the President and Director, Office of Consumer Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 18.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 13.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on science and technology programs, receiving testimony from Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and