

Thursday, March 13, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2221–S2297

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 435–442, S. Con. Res. 7–11, and S. Res. 63. **Page S2274**

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment: Senate continued 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. **Pages S2239–73**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S2296**

Independent Counsel—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.J. Res. 22, to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 presidential election campaign. **Page S2296**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2207–97.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research, education, and extension programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, receiving testimony from Catherine E. Woteki, Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics; Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director for the Biological Sciences, National Science Foundation; Wendy Baldwin, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; James F. Decker, Deputy Director for Energy Research, Department of Energy; Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agricultural Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Division, General Accounting Office; David Lineback, University of Idaho, Moscow, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology; Martin A. Apple, Council for Scientific Society Presidents, Washington, D.C.; and Louis Sherman, on behalf of the American Society of Plant Physiologists, and S. Suzanne Nielson, on behalf of the Institute for Food Technologists, both of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 18.

NATIONAL CHEESE EXCHANGE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings to explore alternatives to the National Cheese Exchange as part of the dairy pricing system, receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, Michael Dunn, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, and Keith Collins, Chief Economist, all of the Department of Agriculture; Alan T. Tracy, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, Madison; E. Linwood Tipton, International Dairy Foods Association, Washington, D.C.; Edward T. Coughlin, National Milk Producers Federation, Arlington, Virginia; Harold J. Howrigan, St.