

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2377–S2489

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 456–470, S.J. Res. 23, and S. Res. 64–65. Pages S2415–16

Measure Rejected:

Campaign Financing/Constitutional Amendment: By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 31), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and voting, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected S.J. Res. 18, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections. Pages S2377–97

Independent Counsel: Senate resumed 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. Pages S2397–S2411

Independent Counsel: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 23, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should exercise her best professional judgment, without regard to political pressures, on whether to invoke the independent counsel process to investigate alleged criminal misconduct relating to any election campaign. Page S2411

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S.J. Res. 22 and S.J. Res. 23, both listed above, on Wednesday, March 19, 1996, with votes to occur thereon. Pages S2486–87

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Keith R. Hall, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Pages S2486, S2489

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—31) Page S2397

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2489.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, receiving testimony from Robert B. Horsch, Monsanto Company, St. Louis, Missouri; David E. Ervin, Henry A. Wallace Institute for Alternative Agriculture, Greenbelt, Maryland; Robert G. Cassens, University of Wisconsin, Madison, on behalf of the Federation of American Societies of Food Animal Sciences; William W. McFee, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, on behalf of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America; Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau, Bloomington, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Phil McLain, Statesville, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Mike Wehler, Plain, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Animal Agriculture Coalition; Dennis Wiese, South Dakota Farmers Union, Flandreau, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and Ron Rosmann, Harlan, Iowa, on behalf of the Practical