

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S2951-S3066

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 545-562, S.J. Res. 25, S. Con. Res. 20, and S. Res. 70.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Israeli Embassy Bombing:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 20, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the status of the investigation of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992.

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**Natural Resource Conservation Center Commemoration:** Senate passed H.R. 785, to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Juneteenth Independence Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 11, commemorating "Juneteenth Independence Day," June 19, 1865, the day on which slavery finally came to an end in the United States, and the resolution was then passed.

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**Holocaust Remembrance:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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**Nuclear Waste Policy Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S2951-63, S2971

#### Adopted:

Thurmond/Hollings Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that the Savannah River Site and Barnwell County, South Carolina shall not be available for construction for an interim storage facility.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 26), to give authority to the Secretary of Energy to collect fees for electricity generated by civilian

nuclear power reactors sold during an offsetting collection period.

Pages S2975-77

By 60 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 37), Thompson (for Frist/Thompson) Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that the President shall not designate the Oak Ridge Reservation in the State of Tennessee as a site for construction of an interim storage facility.

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Domenici Amendment No. 40 (to Amendment No. 26), to prevent "double counting" in the determination of the fee collected for electricity generated by civilian nuclear power reactors and sold.

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#### Rejected:

Reid/Bryan Modified Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 27), providing that the transportation of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste to a centralized interim storage site or to a permanent repository shall not cross any state line without the express written consent of the Governor of the State of entry. (By 72 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 36), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 24 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 38), Bumpers Amendment No. 33 (to Amendment No. 26), to clarify Congressional intent with respect to enactment of this Act in response to DOE's inability to meet the January 31, 1998 contractual deadline to start disposing of spent nuclear fuel.

Pages S2990-92, S2994-95

By 36 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 39), Bingaman Amendment No. 41 (to Amendment No. 26), to strike the ban on designating certain sites as interim storage facilities.

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#### Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 26, in the nature of a substitute.

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Reid (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 29 (to Amendment No. 26), to ensure that emergency response personnel in all jurisdictions on primary and alternative shipping routes have received training and have been determined to meet standards set by the Secretary before shipments of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste.

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Reid (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 26), to express the sense of the

Senate regarding Federal assistance for elderly and disabled legal immigrants. **Page S2977**

Lott (for Domenici) Amendment No. 42, (to Amendment No. 26), to provide that no points of order, which require 60 votes in order to adopt a motion to waive such point of order, shall be considered to be waived during the consideration of a joint resolution under section 401 of this Act. **Page S2996**

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 43 (to Amendment No. 42), to establish the level of annual fee for each civilian nuclear power reactor. **Page S2996**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with final disposition to occur thereon on Tuesday, April 15, 1996, and pursuant to the agreement, the cloture vote scheduled for Friday, April 11, 1997, on Amendment No. 26, listed above, was vitiated. **Pages S2995-96**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, April 14, 1997.

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. **Pages S3001-10, S3066**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S3010**

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total-39) **Pages S2962-63, S2987, S2994-95**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, April 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3066.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann Jorgenson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the

Farm Credit Administration Board, and Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Boswell, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEA/FBI/INS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 16.

### APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN PROGRAMS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Indian Gaming Commission, receiving testimony from Ada Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 17.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (NEXTEA)

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the fiscal year 1998 funding implications of the Administration's National Economic Crossroads Transportation Efficiency Act (NEXTEA) Surface Transportation Reauthorization proposal, after receiving testimony from Jane F. Garvey, Acting Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, and Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation; Darrel Rensink, Iowa Department of Transportation, Des Moines, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; William D. Fay, American Highway Users Alliance, John J. Collins, American Trucking Associations, and William W. Millar, American Public Transit Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Frederick L. Gruel, AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, Trenton, on behalf of the American Automobile Association; and Harry W. Blunt, Jr., Concord Trailways, Concord,