

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress convened.

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.

Senate and House met in Joint Session and received the President's State of the Union Message.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1-S71

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1569-1575 and S. Res. 164-169. Page S48

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1237, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-159) Page S48

Measures Passed:

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 164, informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. Subsequently, Senators Lott and Daschle were appointed by the Chair. Page S1

Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 165, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled. Pages S1-2

Recognition of Denver Broncos: Senate agreed to S. Res. 166, recognizing the outstanding achievements of the Denver Broncos in winning the Super Bowl XXXII. Pages S68-69

Recognition of John Elway: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, recognizing the outstanding achievement of the Denver Bronco's quarterback, John Elway, in the victory of the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXXII. Pages S68-69

Four Chaplains Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 169, to designate February 3, 1998, as "Four Chaplains Day". Pages S69-70

Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 201, providing for adjournments of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Page S70

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nominations of Ann L. Aiken, of

Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Barry G. Silverman, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Richard W. Story, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, with votes to occur thereon. Page S68

Appointments: The following appointments were made pursuant to law during the sine die adjournment of the Senate:

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, Martis James Davis, of New York. (Appointed on November 21, 1997)

To the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, pursuant to Public Law 105-33, Senators Gramm and Frist, Ilene Gordon, of Mississippi, and Deborah Steelman, of Virginia. (Appointed on November 25, 1997)

To the Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power, pursuant to Public Law 105-56, J. James Exon, of Nebraska. (Appointed on December 12, 1997)

To the National Council of the Arts, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, Richard J. Durbin of Illinois. (Appointed on December 31, 1997)

To the Social Security Advisory Board, pursuant to Public Law 103-296, Sylvester J. Schieber, of Maryland. (Appointed January 19, 1998)

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, Clinton Bristow, Jr., of Mississippi. (Appointed on January 20, 1998)

To the Census Monitoring Board, pursuant to Public Law 105-119, Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, and Max W. Williams, of Mississippi. (Appointed on January 20, 1998)

To the Congressional Award Board, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, Felix Sanchez, of Washington, D.C. (Appointed on January 26, 1998) Page S2

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Togo Dennis West, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Marsha L. Berzon, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Kim McLean Wardlaw, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Judith M. Barzilay, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Delissa A. Ridgway, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

William P. Dimitrouleas, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Robert G. James, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, vice John M. Shaw, retired.

James W. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Stephan P. Mickle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

Richard W. Roberts, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Gregory Moneta Sleet, of Delaware, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware.

Emilio W. Cividanis, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total–1) Page S1

Adjournment: Senate convened the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress at 12 noon, and adjourned at 10:31 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, January 28, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S70).

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 3089–3115; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 201–204, and H. Res. 335–340 were introduced. Pages H62–63

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Notify the President: The House agreed to H. Res. 335, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Armeiy and Gephardt to the committee. Page H2

Notify the Senate: The House agreed to H. Res. 336, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled. Page H2

Meeting Hours of the 2nd Session: The House agreed to H. Res. 337, establishing the meeting hours of the House of Representatives during the 2nd Session. Page H2

Adjournment of Both Houses: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 201, providing for the adjournment

dates of both Houses of Congress during January and February 1998. Page H2

Meeting Hour—January 28: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28. Page H2

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of January 28. Page H2

Holocaust Victims Redress Act: The House passed S. 1564, to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H2–8

Condolence Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 338, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Sonny Bono, a Representative from the State of California. Pages H8–18

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages transmitted to the Clerk pursuant to the Line Item Veto Act (P.L. 104–130):