

Thursday, February 5, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed S. 1575, to rename the Washington National Airport as the “Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport”—clearing the measure for the President.

The House voted to override the President’s veto of H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45, Military Construction Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1612–1616 and S. Res. 173.

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Human Cloning Prohibition Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1601, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer technology for purposes of human cloning.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rules XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, February 10, 1998.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn.

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Nomination—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, February 10, 1998, following which Senate expects to vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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A further unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination on Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10, 1998.

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Passage Vitiating: On Wednesday, February 4, 1997, Senate vitiated passage of the following measure:

S. 947, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. (Passed by the Senate on June 25, 1997)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eligah Dane Clark, of Alabama, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals for a term of six years.

Keith C. Kelly, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Robert A. Miller, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2000.

- 23 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:52 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday, February 9, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S461.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TELEMARKETING FRAUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings to examine the scope of telecommunications fraud and abuse and its victimization of the elderly, after receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Walter L. Maroney, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection, Concord; Harold Phillips, Charleston County Sheriff's Department, Charleston, South Carolina; and Helen Boosalis, Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons.

NOMINATIONS/AUTHORIZATION—DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, for appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment to the grade of General, Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Case, USAF, for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade of Lieutenant General, Col. Mi-

chael J. Squier, USA, for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade of Brigadier General, and Col. Robert L. Echols, USA, for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade of Brigadier General.

Also, committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, February 10.

IRS REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including related measures S.1096 and H.R. 2676, focusing on increasing Congressional and Executive Branch oversight of the IRS, receiving testimony from Richard B. Calahan, Deputy Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; Lynda D. Willis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Bruce A. Strauss, Jacksonville, Florida, former Division Chief, Collection Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Nina E. Olson, Community Tax Law Project, Richmond, Virginia; Michael I. Saltzman, White & Case, New York, New York; and Robert S. Schriebman, Rolling Hills Estates, California.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 11.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3163-3174; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 209-210, and H. Res. 351, 353, were introduced. Page H385

Reports Filed: A reports was filed today as follows:
H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 105-415). Page H385

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H337

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Douglas Tanner of Washington, D.C. Page H337

National Education Testing: The House passed H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation by a ye and nay vote of 242 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 9. Pages H345-55

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. Page H354

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill. Page H355