

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S865–S946

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1669–1672. **Pages S919–20**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1663, to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics by a corporation or labor organization, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S869–82, S884–S919**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1646, in the nature of a substitute. (By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S869–82, S884–S906, S908–09

Snowe Amendment No. 1647 (to Amendment No. 1646), to amend those provisions with respect to communications made during elections, including communications made by independent organizations.

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Lott Amendment No. 1648 (to Amendment No. 1647), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S907**

Lott Amendment No. 1649, to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications. **Page S907**

Lott Amendment No. 1650 (to Amendment No. 1649), of a perfecting nature. **Page S907**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions. **Page S907**

Lott Amendment No. 1651 (to the instructions in the motion to recommit), to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications. **Pages S907–08**

Lott Amendment No. 1652 (to Amendment No. 1651), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S907–08**

Lott Amendment No. 1653 (to Amendment No. 1652), of a perfecting nature. **Page S908**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 1647, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Stand-

ing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 1646, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

Appointment:

Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–134, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Amtrak Reform Council: Gilbert E. Carmichael, of Mississippi, Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, and Paul M. Wyrich, of Virginia. **Page S943**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of an executive order ordering the Selected Reserve of the armed forces to active duty; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–97) **Page S919**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

George McGovern, of South Dakota, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Mary Beth West, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Space.

Melvin R. Wright, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) Pages S905–06

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S943.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, Eileen Kennedy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agriculture Statistics Service, Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, Bobby H. Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, February 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice,

receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Stephen R. Colgate, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, February 26.

OPERATIONAL READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the status of the operational readiness of the United States military forces including the availability of resources and training opportunities necessary to meet our national security requirements, receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Herbert A. Browne, Jr., II, USN, Commander, III Fleet; Maj. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, USAF, Commander, Air Force Air Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base; Maj. Gen. Ronald G. Richard, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center; Brig. Gen. Dean W. Cash, USA, Commanding General, National Training Center and Fort Irwin; Col. Thomas Matthews, USA, Commander, Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division; Capt. Thomas Kilcline, USN, Commander, Carrier Air Group 14; Col. Stephen Bozarth, USAF, Commander, 388th Fighter Wing Operations Group; and Col. Emerson N. Gardner, USMC, Commander, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee's Task Force on Social Security concluded hearings to discuss the Administration's plans to safeguard Social Security in the context of the Federal budget, after receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; and Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, receiving testimony from Geoffrey C. Bible, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., Steven F. Goldstone, RJR Nabisco, Inc., and Laurence A. Tisch, Loews Corporation, all of New York, New York; Nicholas G. Brookes, Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corporation, Louisville, Kentucky; and Vincent A. Gierer, Jr., UST Inc., Greenwich, Connecticut.

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