

Wednesday, February 25, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President regarding P.L. 105-45, Military Construction Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S947-S1034

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1673-1680 and S. Res. 180-183. **Page S1003**

Measures Passed:

Military Construction—Veto Message: By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 13), two-thirds of the Senators voting having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, upon reconsideration, was passed, the objections of the President notwithstanding. **Pages S958-72, S995-97, S999-1000**

Honoring Harry Caray: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, honoring the memory of Harry Caray. **Pages S1029-32**

National Safe Place Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 96, proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as National Safe Place Week". **Page S1032**

Congratulating Northeastern University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, congratulating Northeastern University on providing quality higher education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 100 years, from 1898-1998. **Page S1032**

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 S972-95, S997-1001**

Adopted:

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. (By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 14), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S972-95, S997-1000**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 1646, in the nature of a substitute. (By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 15), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S972-95, S997-1001**

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.

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

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

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.

Lott Amendment No. 1652 (to Amendment No. 1651), in the nature of a substitute.

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

Lott Amendment No. 1674 (to Amendment No. 1646), to prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to impose or enforce requirements with respect to electioneering communications. **Page S1000**

Lott Amendment No. 1675 (to Amendment No. 1674), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1000**

Withdrawn:

Lott Amendment No. 1648 (to Amendment No. 1647), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1000**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, February 26, 1998, with cloture votes

scheduled to occur on McCain Amendment No. 1646 and the bill.

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

Transmitting the report of the notice of the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-98). **Page S1002**

Transmitting a report on the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-99). **Page S1002**

Transmitting the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-100). **Page S1002**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sue Bailey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2002.

Deidre A. Lee, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. **Page S1034**

Messages From the President: **Page S1002**

Messages From the House: **Pages S1002-03**

Measures Referred: **Page S1003**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1003-14**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1016-24**

Notices of Hearings: **Page S1024**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S1024-25**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1025-29**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—15) **Pages S999-1001**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1033.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OPERATIONAL READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Gen. William W. Crouch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant, United States Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. John W. Hendrix, USA, Commanding General, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and VII Army; Vice Adm. Steve Abbot, USN, Commander, Sixth Fleet; Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Commander, 21st Air Force, Air Mobility Command; and Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal Reserve's report on the economic situation and monetary policy of the United States, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine long term budget projections, focusing on overall policy and Federal spending, after receiving testimony from Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; former Representative Bill Frenzel and Timothy Penny, both on behalf of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; and Uwe E. Reinhardt, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

AUTHORIZATION-RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Rail Safety Act, after receiving testimony from Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert T.