

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1698-1703, S.J. Res. 42 and 43, and S. Res. 188-190 **Page S1255**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District.

S. Res. 174, to state the sense of the Senate that Thailand is a key partner and friend of the United States, has committed itself to executing its responsibilities under its arrangements with the International Monetary Fund, and that the United States should be prepared to take appropriate steps to ensure continued close bilateral relations.

S. Con. Res. 60, expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia.

S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity. **Page S1255**

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1217-49**

Adopted:

McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 1680 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve travel safety on roads and waterways, promote the safe shipment of hazardous materials, advance pipeline transportation safety, and ensure that the commercial motor vehicle fleet is well maintained and operated. **Pages S1225-29**

Kempthorne Amendment No. 1681 (to Amendment No. 1676), to improve the protection given by air bags and reduce the risks from air bags. **Pages S1229-32**

Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 1679 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require a report on the number of

former recipients of public assistance under the State temporary assistance to needy families programs that are economically self-sufficient. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1217-25, S1234-36**

Pending:

Lautenberg Amendment No.1682 (to Amendment No. 1676), to prohibit the possession of any open alcoholic beverage container, or the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, in the passenger area of a vehicle on a public highway. **Pages S1237-49**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Wednesday, March 4, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Pages S1236-37**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

Appointments:

Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-134, announced the appointment of Donald R. Sweitzer, of Virginia, to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council. **Page S1294**

National Summit on Retirement Income Savings: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-92, appointed numerous individuals as participants in the 1998 National Summit on Retirement Income Savings. **Page S1294**

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

Transmitting the report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee for the period February 1, 1996 through January 31, 1998; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-102). **Page S1254**

Transmitting the report of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-103). **Page S1254**

Transmitting a report entitled "1998 National Drug Control Strategy"; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM-104). **Pages S1254-55**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 2000.

Jennifer Anne Hillman, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2006.

Stephen Koplan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring June 16, 2005.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—19) Page S1236

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 4, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1294.)

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 rural programs of the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary for Rural Development, Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Jan E. Shadburn, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Robert Armstrong, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/INS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DOE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Department of Energy defense programs, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Defense Programs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMF SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 for the International Monetary Fund, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for Army and defense agency military construction programs, receiving testimony from Alma B. Moore, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics & Environment); Brig. Gen. Gary W. Heckman, Director, Center for Command Support, U.S. Special Operations Command; Frederick N. Baillie, Executive Director, Resource, Planning and Performance Directorate, Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency; Carolyn H. Becraft, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel Support, Families and Education), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness); and Rear Adm. Tom Carrato, USN, Chief Operating Officer, TRICARE Management Activity.