

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2147–S2236

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1790–1796, S. Res. 198, and S. Con. Res. 85. **Pages S2213–14**

Measures Passed:

Condemning Terrorist Actions in Kosovo: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 37), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 85, calling for an end to the violent repression of the people of Kosovo.

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Greek Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 171, designating March 25, 1998, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. **Pages S2233–34**

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 238, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure.

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Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 206, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Roth Amendment No. 2019, in the nature of a substitute.

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A third 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 would occur on Friday, March 20, 1998. **Page S2169**

A fourth 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 this cloture motion could also occur on Friday, March 20, 1998. **Page S2169**

Subsequently, an agreement was reached providing for the cloture votes to occur beginning at 5:15 p.m., on Thursday, March 19, 1998. **Page S2196**

NATO Enlargement: Senate resumed consideration of Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105–36), with seven declarations and four conditions. **Pages S2172, S2176–S2202**

Subsequently, an agreement was reached providing that the Treaty be considered as having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification. **Page S2196**

Prior to this action, by 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 36), Senate agreed to a motion to proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Treaty.

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Senate will resume consideration of the Treaty on Thursday, March 19, 1998.

Appointments:

Census Monitoring Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–119, appointed A. Mark Neuman, of Illinois, to serve as a member of the Census Monitoring Board.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37)	Pages S2172, S2208

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 19, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on Page S2235.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the National Guard and Youth Challenge programs, receiving testimony from Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice, Jackson; Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. William Navas, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., Director, Air National Guard; Maj. Gen. Jake Lestenkof, Alaska Adjutant General; Joshua B. Phagan, Forsyth, Georgia; and Tiffany Brown, Savannah, Georgia.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REVITALIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on the implementation of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (P.L. 105–34) as it relates to the revitalization of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, and Camille C. Barnett, Chief Management Officer, both of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Government of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Labor, receiving testimony from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

DOD ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Jacques Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Malishenko, USAF, Commander, Defense Contract Management Command, Defense Logistics Agency, all of the Department of Defense; Louis J. Rodriguez, Director, Defense Acquisition Issues, General Accounting Office; John Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Kenneth Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); and Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition and Management).

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Service safety programs, receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Navy Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

OTS YEAR 2000 PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine the status of the Office of Thrift Supervision's (OTS) efforts to ensure that the computer operations of OTS and the thrift industry are prepared for the Year 2000 computer conversion challenge, after receiving testimony from Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office.

1999 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued in evening session to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government.