

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2237–S2349

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1797–1806. **Page S2296**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 155, designating April 6 of each year as “National Tartan Day” to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998, as “National Breast Cancer Survivors’ Day”. **Page S2295**

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: Senate resumed 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. **Pages S2285–90**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 38), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2289**

By unanimous-consent agreement, the second cloture vote scheduled for today was postponed to occur on Tuesday, March 24, 1998. **Pages S2289–90**

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 S2251–65, S2268–81, S2284**

Senate will continue consideration of the Treaty on Friday, March 20, 1998.

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

Transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled “The National and Community Service Amendments Act of 1998”; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–113). **Page S2294**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1997.

Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1996.

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years. **Pages S2348–49**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—38) **Page S2289**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, March 20, 1998. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record, on page S2348.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FCC/SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 31.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held closed hearings to review certain intelligence matters, receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL/GAO/GPO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of their respective activities from Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; James F. Hinchman, Acting Comptroller General, General Accounting Office; and Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Transportation, receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation, Jane Garvey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Adm. Robert E. Kramek, USCG, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, all of the Department of Transportation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/ARMY CEMETERIAL EXPENSES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Veterans Affairs and cemeterial expenses of the Army, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Togo West, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 23.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,952 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues related to the proposed

ratification of the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105-36), pending on Senate Executive Calendar, focusing on the new missions and interests and military structure of NATO and its impact on Russia's economic restructuring, after receiving testimony from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense, William Kristol, Project for the New American Century, Susan Eisenhower, Center for Political and Strategic Studies, and William Hyland, all of Washington, D.C.

AUTHORIZATION—DOE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for national defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy's science-based stockpile stewardship and management program, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, C. Paul Robinson, Director, Sandia National Laboratory, Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, John Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Karen Clegg, Manager, Kansas City Plant, Gus Gustavson, Manager, Y-12 Plant, William Weinerich, Manager, Pantex Plant, and Joseph Buggy, Executive Vice President, Westinghouse Savannah River Company/Savannah River Plant, all of the Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

1999 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: On Wednesday, March 18, committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform and restructure the process by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, receiving testimony from Raymond C. Scheppach, National Governors' Association, and R. Timothy Columbus, Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores, both of Washington, D.C.; and Martin Feldman, Salomon Smith Barney, New York, New York.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 24.

ALASKA NATIVE LAND RIGHTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1488, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and a proposed committee amendment to S. 1488, to provide for the transfer of personal property at the Adak Naval Complex in Alaska to the Aleut Corporation, after receiving testimony from John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; William J. Cassidy, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Conversion and Redevelopment); and Elary Gromoff, Aleut Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska; and

S. 1670, to provide for the selection of lands by certain Native Alaskan veterans of the Vietnam era, after receiving testimony from John R. Garamendi, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; and Nelson N. Angapak, Sr., Alaska Federation of Natives, Anchorage.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit;

S. Res. 155, designating April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States; and

S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998, as "National Breast Cancer Survivors' Day".

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION ALLIANCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine certain issues with regard to international aviation agreements, including the proposed British Airways/American Airlines alliance, focusing on antitrust implications and the impact of alliances on airline marketing practices, after receiving testimony from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Joel I. Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert J. Ayling, British Airways, and Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic Airways, both of London, England; Gordon Bethune, Continental Airlines, Houston,

Texas; Robert L. Crandall, American Airlines, Fort Worth, Texas; Gerald Greenwald, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; Leo F. Mullin, Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia; and Stephen M. Wolf, US Airways, Arlington, Virginia.

HEALTH INSURANCE STANDARDS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (P.L. 104-191), focusing on its impact on consumers, issuers of health coverage, State insurance regulators and federal regulators, after receiving testimony from Representative Nancy Johnson; Nancy-Ann Min Deparle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Meredith Miller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Systems Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Kansas State Senator Sandy Praeger, Topeka, on behalf of the Reforming States Group; Maine Superintendent of Insurance Alessandro Iuppa, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Gail Shearer, Consumers Union, and Bill Gradison, Health Insurance Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donald Will Moran, The Lewin Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

**SMITHSONIAN/KENNEDY CENTER/
WOODROW WILSON CENTER**

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 and operations of the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, after receiving testimony from I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Constance Newman, Under Secretary, and Dennis J. O'Connor, Provost, all of the Smithsonian Institution; Lawrence J. Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and Dean W. Anderson, Acting Director, and Samuel F. Wells, Deputy Director, both of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 25.