

Monday, March 23, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2377-S2450*

**Measures Introduced:** Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1809-1822. **Page S2424**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (S. Rept. No. 105-171)

H.R. 400, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2424**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of S. 1768, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2381-87, S2393-94, S2401-15**

Adopted:

Byrd Amendment No. 2062, to establish an emergency commission to study the trade deficit. **Pages S2384-87**

Stevens (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 2067, to prohibit the Department of the Army from moving forward with civilian personnel reductions and the offer of Voluntary Separations Incentive Pay (VSIP) and Voluntary Early Retirement Authority (VERA) benefits at all Army Test Ranges until such time as the Congress has the opportunity to consider the merits of such actions during the Fiscal Year 1999 Appropriations process, and to require that the VERA and VSIP benefits being currently offered will continue to be available if necessary. **Page S2401**

Stevens (for Craig) Amendment No. 2069, to make technical corrections regarding a Forest Service transportation system moratorium. **Pages S2407, S2409**

Stevens (for Daschle) Amendment No. 2070, to provide additional funds for emergency river and shoreline repairs along the Missouri River in South Dakota. **Pages S2407, S2409**

Stevens (for Cochran/Bumpers) Amendment No. 2071, to provide assistance to replace or rehabilitate trees and vineyards damaged by natural disasters. **Pages S2407, S2409**

Stevens (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2072, to provide additional funds for emergency levee repairs at Suisun Marsh, California. **Pages S2407, S2409**

Stevens (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2073, to provide additional funds for emergency maintenance dredging at Apra Harbor, Guam. **Pages S2407, S2409**

Stevens (for Cochran/Bumpers) Amendment No. 2074, to subsidize the cost of additional boll weevil eradication loans. **Pages S2407-09**

Stevens (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2075, to waive certain requirements with respect to emergency disaster highway assistance necessitated by the 1997/1998 storms from El Nino. **Pages S2407-09**

Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 2076, to provide additional support for Democratic opposition in Iraq, and to provide for the establishment of Radio Free Iraq. **Pages S2407-09**

Levin Amendment No. 2077, to urge the President to formalize certain benchmarks by agreement with NATO and to provide for NATO review of any failures timely to achieve such benchmarks, and to impose related reporting requirements. **Pages S2409-10**

Stevens Amendment No. 2078 (to Amendment No. 2077), of a clarifying nature. **Pages S2409-10**

Rejected:

McCain Amendment No. 2063, to eliminate certain spending items from the bill. (By 61 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 39), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2402-06**

Pending:

Stevens (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2079, to provide contingent emergency funds for the enhancement of a number of theater missile defense programs. **Page S2410**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2080, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off and bi-weekly work programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and

family, and to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. **Pages S2410-15**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, March 24, 1998.

**Energy Policy and Conservation—Conferees:** The Chair, pursuant to the order of February 12, 1998, appointed conferees on H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as follows: Senators Murkowski, Nickles, Craig, Thomas, Bumpers, Bingaman, and Akaka. **Page S2415**

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

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-114). **Pages S2417-18**

Transmitting the annual report of the National Endowment for Democracy for fiscal year 1997; re-

ferred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-115). **Page S2418**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S2417-18**

**Communications:** **Pages S2418-24**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2434-47**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2448-49**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total-39) **Page S2406**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S2450.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 3474, 3528, 3529, were introduced. **Page H1378**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on March 20, H.R. 2843, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to reevaluate the equipment in medical kits carried on, and to make a decision regarding requiring automatic external defibrillators to be carried on aircraft operated by air carriers, amended (H. Rept. 105-456); and

H.R. 3485, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office, amended (H. Rept. 105-457, Part 1). **Page H1378**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1375**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Emergency Re Angola:** Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the

Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-233); and **Pages H1375-76**

**National Endowment for Democracy:** Message wherein he transmitted the fiscal year 1997 Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H1376**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for*

fiscal year 1999 for AMTRAK, focusing on the future of AMTRAK, 9 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on issues with regard to Alzheimer's disease, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Risk Management Agency, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on drug addiction and recovery issues, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings to examine Research, Development, Test and Evaluation management reform and related issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense Programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to hold hearings to examine business practices in the professional boxing industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to resume 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, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 887, to establish in the National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, S. 991, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, S. 1695, to establish the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado, and S.J. Res. 41, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, business meeting, to mark up S. 8, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 11 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the present economic and political turmoil in Indonesia, focusing on causes and solutions, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology to examine the proposed "Fair Competition Act of 1998", focusing on a new free market approach to Federal contracting, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources*, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to health care quality, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, to hold hearings on S. 1021, to provide that consideration may not be denied to preference eligibles applying for certain positions in the competitive service, 2:15 p.m., SR-418.

## NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E442-44 in today's Record.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations*, to consider the following: Emergency Supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1998; Emergency supplemental appropriations and recessions bill for fiscal year 1998; and revised 302(b) subdivisions for fiscal year 1998, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2 p.m., 2362 B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on the Department of Energy—Conservation, 1:30 p.m., 308-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Office of AIDS Research; Office of the Director—NIH; and Building and Facilities, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, on the National Archives, 10 a.m., and on the GSA, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on NSF, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing on Assessing the Year 2000 Readiness of Critical Systems at HUD, Treasury, and Federal Financial Regulatory Agencies, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Wireless Enhanced 911 Services, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Federal Employment Compensation Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to continue markup of H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997; and to mark up the following: H.R. 3528, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998; H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997; and H.R. 3529, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing regarding the immigration provisions of H.R. 2431, Freedom from Religious Persecution Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills; H.R. 3381, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; California Spotted Owl Interim Protection Act of 1998; and H.R. 1021, Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Realty Appraisal Process on BLM Land Exchanges, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General; and H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, joint oversight hearing on Educating our Children with Technology Skills to Compete in the Next Millennium, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to continue markup of H.R. 2400, the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on patient confidentiality, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Requirements Process, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*, to hold hearings to examine potential problems with cyber banking and protecting the cyber infrastructure while eliminating the potential of economic tampering and espionage, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*Joint Hearing*: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee's Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology to examine the proposed "Fair Competition Act of 1998", focusing on a new free market approach to Federal contracting, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24

#### Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of S. 1768, emergency supplemental appropriations, and resume consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

#### House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of 6 Suspensions:

- (1) H.R. 118, Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1997;
- (2) H.R. 2843, Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1997;
- (3) H.R. 3211, Regarding Eligibility Requirements for Burial in Arlington National Cemetery;
- (4) H.R. 3213, To Clarify Enforcement of Veterans' Employment Rights;
- (5) H.R. 3412, Small Business Investment Company Technical Corrections Act of 1998; and
- (6) H.R. 3226, To Convey Certain Lands and Improvements in the State of Virginia.

Consideration of 1 Corrections Day Measure:

- (1) H.R. 3096, To Correct a Provision Relating to Termination of Benefits for Convicted Persons.

*NOTE: The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.*

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