

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**

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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.

House of Representatives

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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.

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