

Wednesday, January 20, 1999

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S727-S830*

**Measures Introduced:** Introduced today—Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 254-268, S. Con. Res. 2, and S. Res. 26-27. Pages S749-50

Introduced on Tuesday, January 19, 1999—S. 253. Pages S742-44

#### Measures Passed:

***Congratulating Michael Jordan:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 23, congratulating Michael Jordan on the announcement of his retirement from the Chicago Bulls and the National Basketball Association. Pages S728-29

***Adjournment Resolution:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 11, providing for an adjournment of the House of Representatives. Pages S727-28

**Impeachment of President Clinton:** Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, resumed consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. Pages S810-30

Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Thursday, January 21, 1999.

#### Appointments:

***Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104-293, as amended by Public Law 105-277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: M.D.B. Carlisle, of Washington, D.C., and Henry D. Sokolski, of Virginia. Page S742

***Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-255, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development: Judy L.

Johnson, of Mississippi, and Elaine M. Mendoza, of Texas. Page S742

***International Financial Institution Advisory Commission:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission: Charles W. Calomiris, of New York, and Edwin J. Feulner, Jr., of Virginia. Page S742

***National Commission on Terrorism:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on Terrorism: Wayne A. Downing, of Colorado, Fred Ikle, of Maryland, and John F. Lewis, of New York. Page S742

***Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 93-415, as amended by Public Law 102-586, announced the appointment of William Keith Oubre, of Mississippi, to serve as a member of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, vice Robert H. Maxwell, of Mississippi. Page S742

***National Council on the Arts:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, announced the appointment of Senator Durbin as a member of the National Council on the Arts. Page S742

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11:01 a.m., and adjourned at 5:14 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Thursday, January 21, 1999.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### YEAR 2000 CONVERSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of government and industry efforts to prepare for Year 2000 computer compliance, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

### AUTHORIZATION—EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

*Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance* concluded hearings on proposed legislation to authorize funds for programs of the Export Administration Act and the potential need for an extension of the expired EAA, after receiving testimony from William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

### FEDERAL TAX POLICY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings on Federal Tax Policy issues, including the tax rate, revenue growth, future changes in the tax code, tax reform consequences, use of federal budget surplus for tax cuts, and saving and investment initiatives, after receiving testimony from Lawrence B. Lindsey, American Enterprise Institute, Mark A. Bloomfield, American Council for Capital Formation, and William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the Chairmen and ranking minority members for its subcommittees.

### AUTHORIZATION—FAA

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings on S.82, authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, receiving testimony from Patrick V. Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs and David F. Traynham, Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning, and International Aviation, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; and John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Susan G. Esserman of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Timothy F. Geithner of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Affairs, Gary S. Gensler of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Edwin M. Truman of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, and David C. Williams of Illinois, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered question in their own behalf. Ms. Esserman was introduced by Senator Graham.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services:* Senators Cochran (Chair), Stevens, Collins, Domenici, Specter, Gregg, Akaka, Levin, Torricelli, Cleland, and Edwards.

*Subcommittee on Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia:* Senators Voinovich (Chair), Roth, Gregg, Durbin, and Torricelli.

*Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation:* Senators Collins (Chair), Roth, Stevens, Voinovich, Domenici, Cochran, Specter, Levin, Akaka, Durbin, Cleland, and Edwards.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

*Subcommittee on Children and Families:* Senators Gregg (Chairman), Frist, DeWine, Collins, Brownback, Hagel, Dodd, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, and Reed.

*Subcommittee on Public Health:* Senators Frist (Chairman), Gregg, Enzi, Collins, Brownback, Sessions, Kennedy, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, and Reed.

*Subcommittee on Aging:* Senators DeWine (Chairman), Jeffords, Hutchinson, Gregg, Mikulski, Murray, and Dodd.

*Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training:* Senators Enzi (Chairman), Jeffords, Hutchinson, Hagel, Sessions, Wellstone, Kennedy, Harkin, and Dodd.

### HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine group health plan comparative information and coverage determination standards, focusing on proposed regulation on internal claims and appeals procedures and

information disclosure requirements for plans under the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act (ERISA), after receiving testimony from Leslie Kramerich, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; J. Randall MacDonald, GTE

Corporation, Irving, Texas, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans; Rand E. Rosenblatt, Rutgers University Law School, Camden, New Jersey; Stephen J. deMontmollin, AvMed Health Plan, Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; Bohn D. Allen, Arlington, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Medical Association.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session. It will reconvene at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Met for organizational purposes.

#### STATE OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the state of U.S. military forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, Air Force; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Met for organizational purposes.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved an oversight plan for the 106th Congress and created a Task Force on Social Security.

#### YEAR 2000 PROBLEM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem: Status of Federal, State, Local and Foreign Governments. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Chairman,

President's Council on the Year 2000 Conversion; Joel Willemssen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and Lawrence K. Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, National Intelligence Council.

#### HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Human Rights in China. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Harold Hongju Koh, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Susan L. Shirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Louisa Coan, Senior Program Officer for Asia, National Endowment for Democracy; and public witnesses.

#### OUTLOOK—U.S. ECONOMY IN 1999

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the Outlook for the State of the U.S. Economy in 1999. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security met for organizational purposes.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on minority health issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

#### House

*Committee on Ways and Means,* to hold a hearing on Preserving and Strengthening Social Security, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
1 p.m., Thursday, January 21

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 2

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday, February 2:** To be announced.

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