

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