

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

# Daily Digest Senate

## Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1385–S1410*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 393–396, and S. Res. 33. Page S1391

**Impeachment of President Clinton:** Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, taking the following action: Pages S1385–88

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 15), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the Lott motion to suspend Senate rules.

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By voice vote, Senate agreed to the Lott/Daschle motion to provide that any Senator may insert their final deliberations on the Articles of Impeachment during proceedings held in closed session in the Congressional Record at the conclusion of the trial.

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By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 16), Senate agreed to the Lott motion to close the doors of the Senate Chamber. Pages S1387–88

Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

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

Transmitting the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–7). Page S1388

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S1401–10

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—16). Pages S1386, S1388

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 1:05 p.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary, Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cochran, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings on S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Dodd; Marshall N. Carter, State Street Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts; Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Don Gilbert, National Retail Federation, and Anthony T. Pierce, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld, all of Washington, D.C.; Mark Yarsike, Produce Palace, Bingham Farms, Michigan; Robert Courtney, Pennsauken, New Jersey; and Howard L. Nations, Houston, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.