

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2237-S2351

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 529-551, S. Res. 57-58, and S. Con. Res. 14-15.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 106-8)

S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S2273

Measures Passed:

Honoring Morris K. Udall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 15, honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death. Pages S2344-50

Retirement of Barry J. Wolk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, relating to the retirement of Barry J. Wolk. Page S2350

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, taking action on the following amendments: Pages S2243-53, S2258-71

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 31), Jeffords Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 35), to honor the Federal commitment to fund part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Pages S2249-53, S2258

Rejected:

Jeffords Amendment No. 38 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide that the Secretary of Education shall prescribe requirements on how States will provide

for public comments and notice. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 32), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S2242-53, S2258-71

Bingaman Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. Pages S2242-49

Lott Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 35), to authorize additional appropriations to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Page S2258

A motion was entered to close further debate on Jeffords Amendment No. 31 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, March 8, 1999, at 5 p.m. Pages S2270-71

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill on Friday, March 5, 1999. Page S2350

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total-32) Pages S2258, S2267

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2350.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 544) making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, after receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veteran Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after receiving testimony from James L. Witt, Director, Mike Walker, Deputy Director, Gary Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, and Carrye Brown, Administrator, U.S. Fire Administrator, all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the regional commands, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/U.S. Forces Korea/Combined Forces Command Korea.

BUSINESS MEETING: FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers.

CHILDREN INTERNET PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, after receiving testimony from Janie Harris, Solace House, Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Mary Anne Layden, University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia; Candace Morgan, Fort Vancouver Regional Library, Vancouver, Washington; Gordon Ross, Net Nanny Software International, Inc., Bellevue, Washington; Bruce Taylor, National Law Center for Children and Families, Fairfax, Virginia; Jay A. Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Elliot M. Minberg, People for the American Way Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Adrian Russell-Falla, RuleSpace, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico;

S. 291, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District;

S. 292, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance;

S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College;

S. 243, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system;

S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources;