

Friday, March 5, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2353–S2379

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 552–556, and S. Con. Res. 16. Page S2366

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, taking action on the following amendments: Pages S2353–65

Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S2353–65

Bingaman Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. Page S2353

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 S2353

Gramm (for Allard) Amendment No. 40 (to Amendment No. 31), to prohibit implementation of “Know Your Customer” regulations by the Federal banking agencies. (By 0 yeas to 88 nays, 1 voting present (Vote No. 33), Senate failed to table the amendment.) Pages S2355–58

A second 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 could occur on Tuesday, March 9, 1999. Page S2358

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, March 8, 1999. Page S2379

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

John David Holum, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Department of State. (New Position)

David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Beth Nolan, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Page S2379

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Additional Cosponsors: Page S2370

Amendments Submitted: Pages S2371–77

Authority for Committees: Page S2377

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—33). Page S2358

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:06 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, March 8, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2379.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on emerging threats to vital U.S. national security interest, after receiving testimony from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Robert F. Ellsworth, former Deputy Secretary of Defense; Gen. Charles G. Boyd, USAF (ret.), Executive Director, National Security Study Group; and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL Y2K PROBLEM

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings to examine worldwide Y2K preparedness, the impact of other countries' readiness on the United States, and the federal government's position on foreign assistance for Y2K, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary for Management, and Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, both of the

Department of State; Michael J. Copps, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development/International Trade Administration; Lawrence K. Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, National Intelligence Council, Central Intelligence Agency; James Woodward, Cap Gemini America, New York, New York; Lou Marcoccio, Gartner Group, Boston, Massachusetts; and John Harmer, CPC Consulting, Salt Lake City, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 8.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for February, after receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 8 through March 13, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute, to occur at 5 p.m., with a second cloture vote scheduled to occur on Tuesday, if necessary.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including S. 544, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 10, to hold hearings to examine crop insurance and risk management strategies, 8 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 9, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on United States-Afghanistan Policy, focusing on security, refugees and women, 2 p.m., SD-192.

March 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Joint Committee on Taxation, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

March 10, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on Amtrak finance and operational issues, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: March 9, to hold a closed briefing on United States Government policies and programs to combat terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SH-219. March 9, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on United States Government policies and programs to combat terrorism, 10:45 a.m., SH-216.

March 10, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the condition of the services' infrastructure and real property maintenance programs for fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine strategic and tactical lift requirements versus capabilities, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 10, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on tactical modernization, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 11, Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 11, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the