

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2465–S2533

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 572–584, and S. Res. 60. **Page S2503**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 576, to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial regulatory agency actions, to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure. (S. Rept. No. 11)

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–10)

S. 92, to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–12) **Page S2503**

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, taking action on the following amendments/motions: **Pages S2465–S2500**

Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2478**

Jeffords (for Lott) Modified Amendment No. 60 (to Amendment No. 31), to express the sense of the Senate regarding flexibility to use certain Federal education funds to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2481, S2498**

Feinstein/Dorgan/Bingaman Amendment No. 61 (to Amendment No. 31), to assist local educational agencies to help all students achieve State achieve-

ment standards, and to end the practice of social promotion. **Pages S2481–85**

Wellstone Amendment No. 62 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for local and state plans, use of funds, and accountability, under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, except to permit the formation of secondary and post-secondary consortia. **Pages S2485–87**

Bingaman Amendment No. 63 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. **Pages S2487–89**

Bingaman (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 64 (to Amendment No. 31), authorizing funds for fiscal years 2000 through 2005 to provide for class-size reduction in the early grades and to provide for the hiring of additional qualified teachers. **Page S2489**

Bingaman (for Boxer) Amendment No. 65 (to Amendment No. 31), to improve academic and social outcomes for students and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities during after school hours. **Page S2489**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 66 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2489–92**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2489–92**

Jeffords (for Lott) Amendment No. 68 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act with respect to alternative educational settings. **Pages S2489–92**

Withdrawn:

Bingaman Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 35), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Gramm (for Allard) Amendment No. 40 (to the language in the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 31), to prohibit implementation of "Know Your Customer" regulations by the Federal banking agencies. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Jeffords Amendment No. 55 (to Amendment No. 40), to require local educational agencies to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment: Kennedy (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 56, to reduce class size. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Subsequently, the following amendments (Amendment Nos. 58 and 59) fell when the Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit (listed above) was withdrawn:

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 58 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 59 (to Amendment No. 58), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S2478, S2480**

During consideration of this bill today, the Senate took the following action:

By 44 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 36), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit (listed above). **Page S2478**

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 37), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (listed above). **Page S2479**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the second motion to close further debate on the Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (listed above) scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 1999, be vitiated. **Page S2480**

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments/motion to be withdrawn (as listed above). **Page S2480**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, with votes to occur thereon, on Thursday, March 11, 1999. **Page S2533**

Unilateral Declaration of a Palestine State Agreement:

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the Committee on Foreign Relations to be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 5, expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood, and the Senate proceed with its consideration, with a vote to occur thereon, on Thursday, March 11, 1999. **Page S2533**

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

Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-15). **Pages S2502-03**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Gregory A. Vega, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years. **Page S2533**

Messages From the President: **Pages S2502-03**

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Additional Statements: **Page S2529**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37).

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, March 11, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2533.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine the nature of risk management in agriculture and federal crop insurance programs, receiving testimony from Senator Grams; Joseph W. Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Jerry R. Skees, University of Kentucky Department of Agricultural Economics, Lexington; Keith H. Coble, Mississippi State University, University; William W. Biedermann, Allendale, Inc., McHenry, Illinois; David A. Bossman, American Feed Industry Association, Arlington, Virginia; Gregg Doud, World Perspectives, Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Tom Coyle, Continental Grain, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 17.

APPROPRIATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION/JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE/OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony from Senator Roth, in behalf of funds for the Joint Committee on Taxation; Senator Mack, in behalf of funds for the Joint Economic Committee; and Ricky Silberman, in behalf of funds for the Office of Compliance.

APPROPRIATIONS—AMTRAK

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), focusing on issues relating to Amtrak's short- and long-term financial health, and the operational decisions which determine the railroad's present and future status, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; George Warrington, President, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); and Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY/MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Navy and Marine Corps programs, after receiving testimony from Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; Adm. J.L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. C.C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on military installations and facilities, military construction, family housing, homeowners assistance fund, reserve base realignment and closure, and shore infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Randall A. Yim, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations; Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment; Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; and Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; Christopher Jehn, Assistant Director for National Security, Congressional Budget Office; and Andrew F. Krepinevich, Jr., Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C.

STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL LIFT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded hearings to examine strategic and tactical lift requirements versus capabilities, focusing on the environment of future conflicts, engagement and combat employment, equipment requirements, and the Defense Transportation System, after receiving testimony from Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command; and Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 303, to