

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Education Flexibility Partnership Act.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures, including a Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999 and the Financial Service Act of 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2535–S2611

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 585–603, and S. Con. Res. 17. **Pages S2575–76**

Measures Passed:

Unilateral Declaration of a Palestine State: Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, March 10, 1999, Committee on Foreign Relations was 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 by 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 38), Senate agreed to the resolution. **Pages S2535–42, S2556**

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 48), Senate passed H.R. 800, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, after striking all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 280 (Senate companion measure), and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2542–73**

Adopted:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2542–71**

By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 40), 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.

(By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 39), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 42), 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.

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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.

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By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 45), 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 S2543, S2564–66

Rejected:

Feinstein/Dorgan/Bingaman Amendment No. 61 (to Amendment No. 31), to assist local educational agencies to help all students achieve State achievement standards, and to end the practice of social promotion. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 46), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2543, S2566–67**

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. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 47), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bingaman Amendment No. 63 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 43), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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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. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 41), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2543, S2558-60

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. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, S. 280 was placed back on the Senate Calendar.

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National Missile Defense Act: Senate began consideration of 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.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, March 15, 1999.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—5)

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Record Votes: Eleven record votes were taken today. (Total—48)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday,

March 15, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2611.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, focusing on decennial census and other statistical programs, oceans and atmosphere, trade, technology, and assisting distressed communities, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, after receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, and Laura S.H. Holgate, Director, Office of Fissile Materials Disposition, all of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, receiving testimony from Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; and Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Strategic Subcommittee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition;