

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2695–S2785

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 622–637, and S. Res. 61–63. **Pages S2729–30**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Report to accompany S. 558, to prevent the shut-down of the Government at the beginning of a fiscal year if a new budget is not yet enacted. (S. Rept. No. 106–15)

S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 106–16)

S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College. (S. Rept. No. 106–17) **Page S2729**

Measures Passed:

Commending Senator Kerrey: Senate agreed to S. Res. 61, commending the Honorable J. Robert Kerrey, United States Senator from Nebraska, on the 30th anniversary of the events giving rise to his receiving the Medal of Honor. **Pages S2696–S2705**

Honoring Joe DiMaggio: Senate agreed to S. Res. 63, recognizing and honoring Joe DiMaggio. **Pages S2783–85**

National Missile Defense Act: Senate continued 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2705–27**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 49), Cochran Amendment No. 69, to clarify that the deployment funding is subject to the annual authorization and appropriation process. **Pages S2705–07**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 50), Landrieu Amendment No. 72, to add a statement of policy that the United States seek continued negotiated reductions in Russian nuclear forces. **Pages S2718–23**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. **Page S2785**

Appointment:

Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 83–420, as amended by Public Law 99–371, reappointed Senator McCain to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. **Page S2782**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S2728**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—50) **Pages S2707, S2723**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2785.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lawrence J. Wilker, President, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Earl A. Powell, III, Director, National Gallery of Art; I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; and Lee H. Hamilton, Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

APPROPRIATIONS—IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Immigration and Naturalization, after receiving testimony from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded hearings to assess the roles and preparedness of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs to respond to a domestic chemical or biological weapons attack, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Margaret A. Hamburg, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Assistant Comptroller General, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Joshua Lederberg, Rockefeller University, New York, New York; Donald A. Henderson, Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies, Baltimore, Maryland; and Robert C. Myers, BioPort Corporation, Lansing, Michigan.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE/HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services food safety programs, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Jane Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Jeffrey P. Koplan, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Navy shore infrastructure and military construction, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment; Rear Adm. Ralph E. Suggs, Deputy Commander in Chief, United States Special Operations

Command; Rear Adm. Thomas F. Carrato, Chief Operating Officer, Tricare Management Activity, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Frederick N. Baillie, Executive Director of Resources, Planning, and Performance, Defense Logistics Support Command, Defense Logistics Agency; and Gail H. McGinn, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Personnel Support, Families and Education.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on Armed Services/Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committees concluded joint closed hearings on alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy laboratories, after receiving testimony from William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

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 Department of Energy national security programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from William B. Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on information warfare and critical infrastructure protection, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Robert T. Marsh, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection; Michael A. Vatis, Deputy Assistant Director and Chief, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Arthur L. Money, Senior Civilian Official, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, for Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence; and Maj. Gen. John Campbell, USAF, Director, Joint Task Force for Computer Network Defense.

AUTHORIZATION—EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Export Administration Act, focusing on the globalization of technology, multilateral nonproliferation, and current national security threats, after receiving testimony from John P. Barker, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Export Controls; R. Roger Majak, Assistant Secretary of

Commerce for Export Administration; Patricia Dedik, Director, Nuclear Transfer and Supplier Policy Division, Office of Arms Control and Non-proliferation, Department of Energy; Dan Hoydysh, Unisys Corporation, on behalf of the Computer Coalition for Responsible Exports, Paul Freedenberg, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Administration, on behalf of the Association for Manufacturing Technology, and John W. Douglass, Aerospace Industries Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen D. Bryen, Silver Spring, Maryland, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

BUDGET 2000

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2000 budget for the Federal Government, but did not complete consideration thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, focusing on fair market value, concession reform, recreation fees, payments to states, and federal land usage, after receiving testimony from Ronald E. Stewart, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

EPA'S RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Plan Program of the Clean Air Act, after receiving testimony from Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert M. Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, National Security Division, and Robert M. Blitzer, former Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism/Counterterrorism Planning Section, both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dean Kleckner, Rudd, Iowa on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; James E. Bertelsmeyer, Heritage Propane, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Propane Gas Association; Thomas M. Susman, Ropes & Gray, and Thomas E. Natan, Jr., National Environmental Trust, both of Washington, D.C.; Paula R. Littles, Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, Fairfax, Virginia; and Ben Laganga, Union County Office of Emergency Management, Westfield, New Jersey.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM: PERSONAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on proposals to restore the Social Security program's solvency, focusing on personal or individual retirement accounts, including S. 263, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Personal Retirement Accounts Program, and S. 21, to reduce social security payroll taxes, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Fred T. Goldberg, Jr., Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, former Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, and Robert D. Reischauer, Brookings Institution, former Director, Congressional Budget Office, both of Washington, D.C.; Sam Beard, Economic Security 2000, New Castle, Delaware; Martin S. Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Bureau on Economic Research; and Sylvester J. Schieber, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Bethesda, Maryland.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—EDUCATING THE DISADVANTAGED

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title I, education programs for the disadvantaged, after receiving testimony from Wayne Riddle, Specialist in Education Finance, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; David Baroudi, State Director (Montpelier, Vermont), Title 1 Programs, Department of Education; Lula M. Ford, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; William L. Taylor, Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.; and Terry Bergeson, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, on behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

SBA BUDGET

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on the President's fiscal year 2000 budget request for the Small Business Administration, including the HUBZone Empowerment Contracting program, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Mark Barbash, Columbus Countywide Development Corporation, Columbus Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Development Companies; Agnes Noonan, Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Deryl K. Schuster, Mid-America Division, Business Loan Center, Inc. Wichita, Kansas, on

behalf of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders; and Max E. Summers, Missouri Small Business Development Centers, Columbia, on

behalf of the Association of Small Business Development Centers.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 1110–1140; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39–40, and H. Res. 115–118, were introduced. **Pages H1333–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 807, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit for persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other Government agencies (H. Rept. 106–53);

H. Res. 113, providing for consideration of H.R. 820, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 106–54);

H. Res. 114, providing for consideration of H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program (H. Rept. 106–55);

H.R. 130, to designate the United States Courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York as the “Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–56);

H.R. 751, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 504 Hamilton Street in Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the “Edward N. Cahn Federal Building and United States Courthouse,” amended (H. Rept. 106–57);

H. Con. Res. 44, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 18th annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, amended (H. Rept. 106–58);

H. Con. Res. 47, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, amended (H. Rept. 106–59);

H. Con. Res. 48, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99 (H. Rept. 106–60);

H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit (H. Rept. 106–61);

H. Con. Res. 50, authorizing the 1999 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 106–62); and

H. Con. Res. 52, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances spon-

sored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (H. Rept. 106–63). **Page H1333**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1269**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H1274**

Presidential Message—Re Iran: Read a message from the president wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the National Emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–40). **Page H1276**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Women’s Business Center Amendments: H.R. 774, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women’s business center program (passed by a yea and nay vote of 385 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 51); **Pages H1276–79, H1301–02**

District of Columbia Court Employees Whistleblower Protection: H.R. 858, to amend title 11, District of Columbia Code, to extend coverage under the whistleblower protection provisions of the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to personnel of the courts of the District of Columbia; **Pages H1279–81**

Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability: H.R. 807, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide portability of service credit for persons who leave employment with the Federal Reserve Board to take positions with other Government agencies. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H1281–85**

Honoring the Late Joe DiMaggio: H. Res. 105, recognizing and honoring Joe DiMaggio; and **Pages H1285–88**

Opposition to the Unilateral Declaration of a Palestinian State: H. Con. Res. 24, 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