

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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**Notices of Hearings:** **Pages S2779–80**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S2780–81**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2781–82**

**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.