

Monday, March 22, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3027–S3064

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 676–677, and S. Res. 71. Page S3057

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest. (S. Rept. No. 106–29)

S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–30)

S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–31)

S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property. (S. Rept. No. 106–32)

S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources. (S. Rept. No. 106–33) Page S3057

Measures Passed:

SBA Loan Improvement: Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 68, to amend section 20 of the Small Business Act and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 364, Senate companion measure. Pages S3061–63

Subsequently, S. 364 was then returned to the Senate calendar. Page S3063

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on the following amendments: Pages S3050–56

Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 81, to set forth restrictions on deployment of United States Armed Forces in Kosovo. Pages S3050–56

Lott Amendment No. 124 (to Amendment No. 81), to prohibit the use of funds for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) unless Congress enacts specific authorization in law for the conduct of those operations. Pages S3050–56

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto. Page S3063

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph E. Brennan, of Maine, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2003.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

16 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Communications:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:12 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, March 23, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3063.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded closed and open hearings on Department of Defense policies and programs to combat terrorism, after receiving testimony from Brian E. Sheridan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and Charles L. Cragin, Principal Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; Brig. Gen. John F. Sattler, USMC, Deputy Director for Operations Combating Terrorism, Joint Staff; and an official from the intelligence community.

INTERNET SECURITIES FRAUD

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation held hearings to examine federal and state enforcement efforts to combat securities fraud on the Internet, particularly penny stock fraud, and the adequacy of federal and state consumer education programs, receiving testimony from Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Howard M. Friedman, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio; Thomas M. Gardner, Motley Fool, Alexandria, Vir-

ginia; Kristin Morris, Berryville, Virginia; and Galen O'Kane, Ellsworth, Maine.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FIREARM PROSECUTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded joint oversight hearings to review the Department of Justice firearm prosecution, focusing on violent crime prosecution, firearm legislation, Project Achilles, and Project Triggerlock, after receiving testimony from Andrew L. Vita, Assistant Director of Field Operations, Washington Field Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury; Helen Fahey, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Donald Stern, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts; Thomas W. Corbett Jr., former United States Attorney, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Pittsburgh; Jerry A. Oliver, Richmond Police Department, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the Project Exile; and John F. Timoney, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NURSING HOME QUALITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes focusing on the federal-state survey and certification system and complaint and enforcement practices, after receiving testimony from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Gloria Cruz, Millsboro, Delaware; and Denise Bryant, Detroit, Michigan.