

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Congressional Budget.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 68, Concurrent Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3385–S3579

Measures Introduced: Fifty bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 713–762, S.J. Res. 16–17, S. Con. Res. 23–24, and S. Res. 75.

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Measures Passed:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of March 18, 1999, Senate passed H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 544, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on Tuesday, March 23, 1999.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair, as authorized, appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, Kyl, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, and Durbin.

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Subsequently, S. 544 was placed back on the Senate calendar.

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 23, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Cuban Human Rights: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 67), Senate agreed to S. Res. 57, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Graham/Mack Amendment No. 245, to state that where such abuses violate internationally accepted

norms of conduct enshrined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Pages S3382–83

Congressional Budget: By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 81), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 68, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 20, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S3309–19, S3321–80, S3385–S3432

Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 154, to express the sense of the Senate that agricultural risk management programs should include livestock producers.

Pages S3327–28

Dodd Amendment Modified No. 160, to increase the mandatory spending in the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$7.5 billion over five years, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut and leaves adequate room in the revenue instructions for targeted tax cuts that help families with the costs of caring for their children, and that such relief would assist all working families with employment related child care expenses, as well as families in which one parent stays home to care for an infant. (By yeas to nays (Vote No. 74), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S3390–91

Graham Modified Amendment No. 164, to express the sense of the Senate that funds recovered from any Federal tobacco-related litigation should be set-aside for the purpose of first strengthening the medicare trust fund and second to fund a medicare prescription drug benefit.

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Graham Modified Amendment No. 165, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the President should offset inappropriate emergency funding from fiscal year 1999 in fiscal year 1999.

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Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 169, to express the sense of the Senate on the social promotion of elementary and secondary school students.

Pages S3387, S3415-17

Lautenberg (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 170, to express the sense of the Senate regarding social security "notch babies", those individuals born between the years 1917 and 1926.

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 171, to ensure that the President's after school initiative is fully funded for fiscal year 2000.

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Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 173, to express the sense of the Senate on women and Social Security reform.

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 175, to ensure that the substantial majority of any income tax cuts go to middle and lower income taxpayers.

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 65), Roth Modified Amendment No. 176, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the modernization and improvement of the medicare program.

Pages S3310-19, S3352-53

Lautenberg Amendment No. 183, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should enact legislation to modernize America's schools.

Pages S3331-32, S3427

Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 185, to provide a substitute for section 205 regarding the emergency designation point of order.

Pages S3332, S3378, S3426-27

Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 186, to express the sense of the Senate that the provisions of this resolution assume that it is the policy of the United States to provide as soon as it is technologically possible an education for every American child that will enable each child to effectively meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Pages S3332-33, S3387

Lautenberg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 187, to finance disability programs designed to allow individuals with disabilities to become employed and remain independent.

Pages S3333, S3387

Lautenberg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 188, to express the sense of the Senate that agricultural commodities and products, medicines, and medical products should be exempted from unilateral economic sanctions.

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Lautenberg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 189, to express the sense of the Senate regarding capital gains tax fairness for family farmers.

Pages S3333, S3387

Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 191, to express the sense of the Senate that the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program should be fully funded.

Pages S3333-34, S3387

Lautenberg (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 197, to express the sense of the Senate regarding asset-

building for the working poor. Pages S3336, S3387, S3420

Lautenberg (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 199, to help insure the long-term national security of the United States by budgeting for a robust Defense Science and Technology Program.

Pages S3336-37, S3387

Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 202, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of funding for embassy security.

Pages S3338, S3397

Lautenberg (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 205, to allow for a tax cut for working families that could be provided immediately, before enactment of Social Security reform would make on-budget surpluses available as an offset.

Pages S3339-40, S3396-97

Domenici (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 206, to provide the sense of the Senate regarding support for Federal, State and local law enforcement, and for the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

Pages S3340, S3428-29

Domenici (for Hatch) Modified Amendment No. 207, to ensure a rational adjustment to merger notification thresholds for small business and to ensure adequate funding for Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

Pages S3340, S3391

Domenici (for Enzi) Modified Amendment No. 208, to express the sense of the Senate that the Marriage Penalty should be eliminated and the marginal income tax rates should be uniformly reduced.

Pages S3340, S3396-97

Domenici (for Shelby) Amendment No. 209, to express the sense of the Senate that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 needs comprehensive reform.

Pages S3340-41, S3387

Domenici (for Sessions) Amendment No. 210, to express the sense of the Senate that the additional tax incentives should be provided for education savings.

Pages S3341, S3378-79, S3387

Domenici (for Santorum) Amendment No. 211, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Davis-Bacon Act.

Pages S3341, S3387, S3418

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 68), Domenici (for Santorum/Leahy) Amendment No. 212, to express the sense of the Senate that the 106th Congress, 1st Session should reauthorize funds for the Farmland Protection Program.

Pages S3341, S3385-86

Domenici (for DeWine/Coverdell) Modified Amendment No. 213, to express the sense of the Senate regarding support for State and local law enforcement.

Pages S3341, S3391-92

Domenici (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 214, to express the sense of the Senate that funding for Federal drug control activities should be at a level higher than that proposed in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2000.

Pages S3341-42, S3426-27

Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 215, to express the sense of the Senate concerning resources for autism research through the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Pages S3342, S3387**

Domenici (for Roberts) Amendment No. 216, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the potential impact of the amendments to the medicare program contained in the Balanced Budget Act on access to items and services under such program. **Pages S3342, S3387**

Domenici (for Fitzgerald) Amendment No. 217, to express the sense of the Senate that the budget process should require truth-in-budgeting with respect to the on-budget trust funds. **Pages S3342, S3387**

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 219, to express the sense of the Senate that \$50 million will be provided in fiscal year 2000 to conduct intensive firearms prosecution projects to combat violence in the twenty-five American cities with the highest crime rates. **Pages S3343-44, S3387, S3389**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

Domenici (for Specter) Amendment No. 220, to express the sense of the Senate on providing women direct access to physicians specializing in obstetrics and gynecological services. **Page S3387**

Domenici (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 221, to express the sense of the Senate concerning fostering the employment and independence of individuals with disabilities. **Pages S3344, S3387**

Domenici (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 222, to express the sense of the Senate with respect to maintaining at least current expenditures (including emergency funding) for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2000. **Pages S3344-45, S3387**

Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 224, to express the sense of Congress that South Korea must abide by its international trade commitments on pork and beef. **Pages S3345, S3389, S3420**

Domenici (for Shelby/Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 225, to express the sense of the Senate that no additional firewalls should be enacted for transportation activities. **Pages S3345-46, S3387**

Domenici (for Enzi) Amendment No. 226, to express the sense of the Senate that new public health programs should not be established to the detriment of funding for existing, effective programs, such as the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. **Pages S3346, S3387, S3427**

Domenici (for Abraham) Amendment No. 227, to provide for the continued viability of professional, educational, and trade associations. **Pages S3346-47, S3426-27**

Domenici (for Gregg/Collins) Amendment No. 229, to express the sense of the Senate concerning funding for special education. **Pages S3347-48, S3387**

Domenici (for Stevens/Warner) Amendment No. 230, to provide an exception for emergency defense spending. **Pages S3348, S3426-27**

Domenici (for Grams) Modified Amendment No. 231, to express the sense of the Senate on providing tax relief to all Americans by returning the non-Social Security surplus to taxpayers. **Pages S3348, S3368-74**

Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 236, to strike section 201, Reserve Fund for a Fiscal Year 2000 Surplus, as provided for under Title II—Budgetary Restraints and Rulemaking. **Pages S3349, S3426-27**

Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 237, to express the sense of the Senate on the importance of social security for individuals who become disabled. **Pages S3349-50, S3387**

Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 238, to provide \$200,000,000 for the State-side program of the land and water conservation fund. **Pages S3350, S3430-31**

Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 240, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Federal tax relief. **Pages S3351, S3393**

Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 242, to express the sense of the Senate that increased funding for elementary and secondary education should be directed to States and local school districts. **Pages S3351, S3354-58, S3376**

Domenici (for Hutchison/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 243, to express the sense of the Senate that a task force be established to create a reserve fund for natural disasters. **Pages S3351, S3392**

Lautenberg (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 244, to strike section 314, Sense of the Senate on Sale of Governors Island. **Page S3387**

Domenici (for Collins) Amendment No. 247, to express the sense of the Senate on need-based student financial aid programs. **Pages S3429-30**

Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 177, to reduce tax breaks for the wealthiest taxpayers and reserve the savings for Medicare. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 66), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3321-31, S3353-54**

Voinovich Amendment No. 161, to use on-budget surplus to repay the debt instead of tax cuts. (By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S3388**

Robb/Graham Amendment No. 182, to ensure fiscal discipline by requiring that any tax relief be offset in accordance with current budget rules and

practices, and that any surpluses be used for debt reduction, until Congress saves Social Security and strengthens Medicare and pays off the publicly held debt.

Pages S3351–52, S3427

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 192, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative and the Individuals with Disabilities Act with mandatory funds, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by one fifth, frees up \$43 billion in discretionary spending within Function 500 (in 2001–2009) for other important education programs, and leaves adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3334–35, S3388–89

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 178, to provide for additional agricultural funding. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 75), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3327, S3352, S3363–68, S3392–93

By 24 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 78), Lautenberg (for Hollings) Amendment No. 174, to continue Federal spending at the current services baseline levels and pay down the Federal debt.

Pages S3376–77, S3397–98

Lautenberg (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 196, to create a reserve fund for medicare prescription drug benefits. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 79), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3336, S3427–28

Withdrawn:

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 193, to allocate a portion of the surplus for legislation that promotes early educational development and well-being of children.

Pages S3335–36, S3387

Domenici (for Helms) Amendment No. 218, relating to the international affairs budget.

Pages S3342–43, S3388

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 234, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for incentives for low- and middle-income savers and investors and the need for such incentives to be accompanied by an expansion of the lowest personal income tax bracket.

Pages S3348–49, S3387

Domenici (for Chafee) Amendment No. 235, to reduce the size of the tax cut.

Pages S3349, S3387

Domenici (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 239, to express the sense of the Senate that the Social Security Trust Fund shall be managed in the best interest of current and future beneficiaries.

Pages S3351, S3387

Domenici (for Grassley) Amendment No. 241, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the closure of Howard Air Force Base and repositioning of assets and operational capabilities in forward operating locations.

Pages S3351, S3387

Lautenberg Amendment No. 166, to express the sense of the Senate on saving Social Security and Medicare, reducing the public debt, and targeting tax relief to middle-income working families.

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Lautenberg (for Biden) Amendment No. 204, to extend the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

Pages S3339, S3397

Lautenberg (for Schumer) Amendment No. 167, to express the sense of the Senate that the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program should be reauthorized in order to provide continued Federal funding for the hiring, deployment, and retention of community law enforcement officers.

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Domenici (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 223, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress should provide the maximum funding envisioned in law for Southwest Border law enforcement programs to stop the flow of drugs into the United States.

Pages S3345, S3427

Domenici (for Abraham/Coverdell) Amendment No. 228, to express the sense of Congress on the use of Federal funds for needle exchange programs for drug addicts.

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Lautenberg (for Wyden) Amendment No. 200, to allow increased tobacco tax revenues to be used as an offset for the medicare prescription drug benefit provided for in section 209 (Reserve Fund for Medicare and Prescription Drugs).

Pages S3337, S3428

Lautenberg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 201, to fund a 40 percent Federal share for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by nearly one fifth, frees up \$43 billion in discretionary spending within Function 500 (in 2001–2009) for other important education programs, and leaves adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools.

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Lautenberg (for Harkin) Amendment No. 203, to allow for the creation of a mandatory fund for medical research under the authority of the National Institutes of Health fully funded through a tax provision providing that certain funds provided by tobacco companies to States or local governments in connection with tobacco litigation or settlement shall not be deductible.

Pages S3338–39, S3428

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 168, to express the sense of the Senate regarding school construction grants, and reducing school sizes and class sizes.

Pages S3410–11, S3428

Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 172, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by ten billion dollars,

leaving adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. **Page S3428**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 184, to establish a budget-neutral reserve fund for environmental and natural resources. **Pages S3332, S3428**

Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 194, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative and the Individuals with Disabilities Act with mandatory funds, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by one fifth, frees up \$43 billion in discretionary spending within Function 500 (in 2001–2009) for other important education programs, and leaves adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools. **Pages S3336, S3428**

Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 198, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need for increased funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance program in fiscal year 2000. **Pages S3336, S3428**

Domenici (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 233, to protect taxpayers from retroactive income and estate tax rate increases by creating a point of order. **Pages S3348, S3428**

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

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the consideration of the following amendments:

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 64), Specter/Harkin Amendment No. 157, to provide for funding of biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health. **Pages S3310, S3352**

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 69), Reed Amendment No. 162, to provide for certain Federal revenues, total new budget authority, and total budget outlays. **Page S3386**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 70), Craig Amendment No. 146, to modify the pay-as-you-go requirement of the budget process to require that direct spending increases be offset only with direct spending decreases. **Pages S3377, S3386–87**

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 73), Crapo/Grams Amendment No. 163, to create a reserve fund to lock in additional non-Social Security surplus in the outyears for tax relief and/or debt reduction. **Pages S3379, S3389–90**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 76), Domenici (for Snowe) Amendment No. 232, to allow increased tobacco tax revenues to be used as an offset for the

Medicare prescription drug benefit provided for in section 209. **Pages S3348, S3393–96**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 77), Lautenberg (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 195, to express the sense of the Senate concerning an increase in the minimum wage. **Pages S3336, S3396**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 80), Lautenberg (for Kerry) Amendment No. 190, to provide for a 1-year delay in a portion of certain tax provisions necessary to avoid future budget deficits. **Pages S3333,–S3374–76**

Subsequently, a point of order that the amendments were in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendments thus fell.

Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon. **Page S3432**

Subsequently, S. Con. Res. 20 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S3432**

Senate National Security Working Group: Senate agreed to S. Res. 75, reconstituting the Senate Arms Control Observer Group as the Senate National Security Working Group and revising the authority of the Group. **Pages S3564–65**

Microloan Program Technical Corrections Act: Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 440, to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3554–66**

Enzi (for Kerry) Amendment No. 248, to provide for the equitable allocation of appropriated amounts. **Pages S3565–66**

SBA Disaster Mitigation Pilot Program: Committee on Small Business was discharged from further consideration of S. 388, to authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3566**

House Mail Technical Corrections: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 705, to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3566–67**

Aviation War Risk Insurance Program Extension: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 98, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program, the bill was then referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and then discharged from further consideration, and the bill

was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S3567**

Enzi (for Thompson) Amendment No. 249, to strike section 2 relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act. **Page S3567**

Risk Management Decisions Affecting the 1999 Crop Year: Senate passed S. 756, to provide adversely affected crop producers with additional time to make fully informed risk management decisions for the 1999 crop year. **Pages S3567-68**

Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS Supplemental Endorsement: Senate passed H.R. 1212, to protect producers of agricultural commodities who applied for a Crop Revenue Coverage PLUS supplemental endorsement for the 1999 crop year, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S3568**

New Mexico Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico. **Pages S3568-69**

New Mexico Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 291, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District. **Pages S3568-70**

Route 66 Resource Protection: Senate passed S. 292, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance. **Pages S3568, S3570-71**

New Mexico Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3568, S3573-74**

Enzi (for Domenici) Amendment No. 250, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3568, S3573-74**

Perkins County Rural Water System Assistance: Senate passed S. 243, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system. **Pages S3568, S3574-75**

Enzi (for Johnson/Daschle) Amendment No. 251, in the nature of a substitute.

FERC License Jurisdiction: Senate passed S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii. **Pages S3568, S3571**

Wellton-Mohawk Transfer Act: Senate passed S. 356, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila

Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District. **Pages S3568, S3571**

South Dakota Historic Site: Senate passed S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota. **Pages S3568, S3571-72**

Alaska Hydroelectric Project Jurisdiction: Senate passed S. 422, to provide for Alaska state jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Pages S3568, S3572**

Coastal Heritage Trail Route Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3568, S3572**

Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic River Act: Senate passed H.R. 193, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3568, S3572-73**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Convention on Nuclear Safety, with six conditions and two understandings. (Treaty Doc. 104-6);

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports on Friday, March 26, 1999 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., and executive and legislative reports on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. during the adjournment of the Senate. **Page S3564**

Nomination-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to extend the Governmental Affairs consideration of the nomination of David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury. **Page S3575**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security).

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

22 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

James W. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Ellen Segal Huvelle, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Barbara M. Lynn, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Marshall S. Smith, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

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Text of S. 544 (as passed the Senate on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 and inserted as an amendment to replace the entire text of H.R. 1141, as passed the Senate today.) Pages S3551–63

Record Votes: Eighteen record votes were taken today. (Total—81). Pages S3352–54, S3382, S3385–91, S3393, S3396, S3398, S3428, S3432

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 23, adjourned at 10:42 p.m., until 12 noon Monday, April 12, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S3577.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FCC/SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities & Exchange Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Adm. James M. Loy, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS: TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings to examine certain incidents of terrorist attacks against U.S. citizens in Israel, and U.S. efforts to press for the indictment and extradition of terrorists who have taken American lives, after receiving testimony from Mark Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Martin S. Indyk, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Jean-Claude Niddam, Head of the Legal Assistance between Israel and Palestine Authority, Israeli Ministry of Justice; Hasan Abdel Rahman, Chief Representative of the P.L.O. and the P.N.A. to the United States; Nathan Lewin, Miller, Cassidy Larroca, & Lewin, Washington, D.C.; Stephen Flatow, West Orange, New Jersey; Vicki Eisenfeld, West Hartford, Connecticut; and Diana Campuzano, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security), and 671 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Also, Committee approved its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

CHINESE ESPIONAGE AT DOE LABORATORIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed closed hearings to examine alleged Chinese espionage at Department of Energy laboratories, receiving testimony from Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of Counterintelligence, and Notra Trulock, III, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Intelligence, both of the Department of Energy; Neil J. Gallagher, Assistant