

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3613–S3665

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 768–790, S.J. Res. 18, and S. Con. Res. 25. **Pages S3633–34**

Measures Reported:

Special Report on Legislative Activities of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources during the 105th Congress. (S. Rept. No. 106–40)

Special Report of the Committee on Rules and Administration United States Senate during the 105th Congress. (S. Rept. No. 106–41)

Report to accompany S. 247, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals. (S. Rept. No. 106–42) **Page S3633**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Award Act Authorization: Senate passed S. 380, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act. **Page S3660**

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation: Senate passed S. 148, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. **Pages S3660–63**

Congressional Budget House Message: Senate received message on House action on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009, taking the following action: **Pages S3615–28**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 82), Lautenberg motion to instruct conferees to include in the conference report provisions that would reserve all Social Security surpluses only for Social Security, and not for other programs (including other retirement programs) or tax cuts. **Pages S3615–18, S3626–27**

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 83), Domenici motion to instruct conferees to include in the conference report (1) Roth/Breaux Modified Amendment

No. 176 regarding Medicare reform (adopted March 25, 1999), and (2) section 209 of the Senate passed resolution regarding the use of non-budget surpluses for a prescription drug benefit. **Pages S3621, S3627**

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 85), Dodd motion to instruct conferees to include in the conference report the Dodd/Jeffords Modified Amendment No. 160 to provide for an increase in the mandatory spending in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (adopted on March 25, 1999). **Pages S3621–24, S3628**

Dorgan motion to instruct conferees to include in the conference report provisions that would provide additional funding for income assistance for family farmers above the level provided in the Senate passed resolution. **Pages S3624–26**

Rejected:

Kennedy motion to instruct conferees to include in the conference report provisions that would (1) allow targeted tax relief for low- and middle-income working families, and (2) reserve a sufficient portion of projected non-Social Security surpluses to extend significantly the solvency of the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust fund and modernize and strengthen the program. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 84), Senate tabled the motion.) **Pages S3618–21, S3627–28**

Withdrawn:

Domenici Amendment No. 252 (to Kennedy motion to instruct conferees-listed above), to instruct conferees to include in the conference report (1) Roth/Breaux Modified Amendment No. 176 regarding Medicare reform (adopted March 25, 1999), and (2) section 209 of the Senate passed resolution regarding the use of non-budget surpluses for a prescription drug benefit. **Page S3621**

The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Domenici, Grassley, Nickles, Gramm, Gorton, Lautenberg, Conrad, Boxer, and Murray. **Page S3628**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by Public Law 105–275, adopted October 21, 1998, and further amended by S. Res.

75 adopted March 25, 1999, appointed the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group: Senators Byrd (Minority Administrative Co-Chairman), Levin (Minority Co-Chairman), Biden (Minority Co-Chairman), Kennedy, Kerrey, Moynihan, Sarbanes, Kerry, and Durbin.

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President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 12131, appointed the following Members of the Senate to the President's Export Council: Senators Burns, Ashcroft, Enzi, Baucus, and Johnson.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Non-proliferation).

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Statements:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3663.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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, in behalf of funds for their respective activities, after receiving testimony from Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Science, Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, all of the Department of Energy.

DEATHS FROM PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY RESTRAINTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine deaths caused from restraints used in psychiatric facilities, and proposed legislation to extend existing nursing home standards on the use of restraints on mental health patients and add a reporting requirement for deaths and serious injuries, after receiving testimony from Senators Lieberman and Dodd; Wanda K. Mohr, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, on behalf of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and Joseph A. Rogers, Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Mental Health Association, both of Philadelphia; Dennis O'Leary, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; Thomas R. Harmon, New York State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled, Albany; and Catherine "Jean" Allen, Greensboro, North Carolina.

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 military strategy and operational requirements of the unified commands and future years defense program, and issues regarding the current situation in Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Adm. Charles S. Abbot, USN, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command.

SUBMARINE WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded open and closed hearings on submarine warfare in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence; Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet; and Rear Adm. Malcolm I. Fages, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on land withdrawals and environmental programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under