

Monday, May 24, 1999

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5787-S5887*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1102-1112, S. Res. 105-107, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Page S5834**

**Department of Defense Authorization:** Senate began consideration of S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S5793-S5825**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 141), Specter (for Landrieu/Specter) Amendment No. 384, to express the sense of Congress regarding the need for vigorous prosecution of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. **Pages S5809-17**

Pending:

Roberts/Warner Amendment No. 377, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the legal effect of the new Strategic Concept of NATO (the document approved by the Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., on April 23 and 24, 1999). **Pages S5799-S5809**

Warner Amendment No. 378 (to Amendment No. 377), to require the President to submit to the Senate a report containing an analysis of the potential threats facing NATO in the first decade of the next millennium, with particular reference to those threats facing a member nation or several member nations where the commitment of NATO forces will be "out of area", or beyond the borders of NATO member nations. **Page S5800**

Wellstone Amendment No. 380, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for radiation-exposed veterans. **Page S5809**

Wellstone Amendment No. 381, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide information and technical guidance to certain foreign nations regarding environmental contamination at United States

military installations closed or being closed in such nations. **Page S5809**

Wellstone Amendment No. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide Congress with information to evaluate the outcome of welfare reform. **Page S5809**

Specter Amendment No. 383, to direct the President, pursuant to the United States Constitution and the War Powers Resolution, to seek approval from Congress prior to the introduction of ground troops from the United States Armed Forces in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or funding for that operation will not be authorized. **Page S5809**

Roth Amendment No. 388, to request the President to advance the late Rear Admiral (retired) Husband E. Kimmel on the retired list of the Navy to the highest grade held as Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, during World War II, and to advance the late Major General (retired) Walter C. Short on the retired list of the Army to the highest grade held as Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, during World War II, as was done under the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 for all other senior officers who served in positions of command during World War II. **Pages S5818-25**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, with votes to occur at 2:15 p.m. on certain pending amendments, on Tuesday, May 25, 1999. **Page S5886**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Received on Friday, May 21, 1999 (during the adjournment of the Senate):

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Educational Excellence for All Children Act of 1999;" to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM-30). **Pages S5825-26**

Received on today:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a notice relative to the Amended Mines Protocol of the Convention on Conventional

Weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-31). **Pages S5826-27**

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a notice relative to the Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, together with its Technical Annex; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-32). **Page S5827**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Paul Steven Miller, of California, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2004. (Reappointment)

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

J. Brian Atwood, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Brazil, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 1999. **Page S5887**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S5825-27**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5876-79**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5879-83**

**Text of H.R. 1554, as Previously Passed:** **Pages S5883-86**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—141) **Page S5817**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 25, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5886.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill, making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense.

### FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded hearings on the Bureau of Prisons oversight of the role and importance of the Federal Prison Industries, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hawk Sawyer, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Prison Industries, Steve Schwalb, Assistant Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Prison Industries, and Joseph M. Aragon, Chairman, Federal Prison Industries, all of the Department of Justice; David R. Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Phil W. Glover, Council of Prison Locals, American Federation of Government Employees, Johnston, Pennsylvania; and Ann F. Hoffman, Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees, Washington, D.C.

### HOME HEALTH CARE ASSESSMENT

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Health Care Financing Administration's Outcome and Assessment Information Set on access to home health care, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Kang, Director, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia L. Kail, Greene County Medical Center, Jefferson, Iowa; Kristy Wright, Visiting Nurses Association, Butler, Pennsylvania; Judith A. Conlin, Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, Des Moines; Peter W. Shaughnessy, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver; James C. Pyles, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Home Health Services and Staffing Association and the American Psychoanalytic Association; and George Taler, American Academy of Home Care Physicians, Baltimore, Maryland.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 1905–1914; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 111, were introduced. Pages H3502–03

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 21, H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–156);

Filed on May 21, H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–157);

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, amended (H. Rept. 106–158 Part 1);

H. Res. 185, providing for consideration of H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–159);

H. Res. 186, providing for consideration of H.R. 1259, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms (H. Rept. 106–160);

H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for the United States International Trade Commission (H. Rept. 106–161); and

H.R. 1401, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 to 2001 (H. Rept. 106–162). Page H3502

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3463

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H3464

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

**District of Columbia College Access:** H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of

in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia; Pages H3465–69

**John J. Buchanan Post Office Building:** H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “John J. Buchanan Post Office Building”; Page H3470

**Clifford R. Hope Post Office:** H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the “Clifford R. Hope Post Office”; Pages H3470–72

**Postal Service Facilities in Chicago, IL:** H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois; Pages H3473–74

**Disadvantaged Areas Nursing Relief:** H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas; Pages H3474–78

**Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building:** H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the “Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building” (passed by a ye and nay vote of 362 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 145); and Pages H3469–70, H3480

**Postal Service Designations in Philadelphia, PA:** H.R. 100, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (passed by a ye and nay vote of 368 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 146). Pages H3472–73, H3480–81

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Legislative Proposal on Education:** Message received on May 21, by the Clerk, wherein he transmitted his proposed legislation entitled the “Educational Excellence for All Children Act of 1999”—referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Armed Services, and Banking and Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–68); and Pages H3478–79

**Prohibitions on the Use of Mines:** Message received on May 24, by the Clerk, wherein he transmitted his certification concerning the use of the Pursuit Deterrent Munition by the U.S. Armed Forces until at least January 1, 2003—referred to the Committee on International Relations. Pages H3481–82

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3504–05.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3480 and H3480–81. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### KEY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ISSUES

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* On May 21, the Committee continued hearings on key international financial issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SALARY OF THE PRESIDENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on the Salary of the President of the United States. Testimony was heard from Sharon Gressle, Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill be considered as read and that the amendment printed in section 2 of the resolution be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Shaw and McDermott.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1906, making appropriations for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a 3 day layover of the committee report) and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provi-

sions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Kaptur.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for energy and water development programs, 10:30 a.m., SD–116.

Subcommittee on Transportation, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies, 12 p.m., SD–116.

*Full Committee,* business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold oversight hearings on state progress in retail electricity competition, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System; S. 734, entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999"; S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion of the Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park; S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; S. 939, to correct spelling errors in the statutory designations of Hawaiian National Parks; S. 946, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land within the boundaries of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site to the Archivist of the United States for the construction of a visitor center; and S. 955, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, 2:15 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings on S. 1090, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance*: to resume oversight hearings on the enforcement activities of the United States Customs Service, focusing on commercial operations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings on political and military developments in India, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Full Committee*, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: business meeting to consider the Health Information Confidentiality Act; S. Con. Res. 28, urging the Congress and the President to increase funding for the Pell Grant Program and existing Campus-Based Aid Programs; the nomination of James Roger Angel, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation; and the nomination of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to review the Library of Congress' Copyright Office report on distance education in the digital environment, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business*: to hold hearings relating to education and business success, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem*: to hold hearings to explore individual and community Y2K preparedness, and the media's role in providing Y2K information, 10 a.m., SH-216.

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*Committee on the Budget*, Task Force on Social Security, hearing on International Social Security Reform, 12 p.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Y2K and Medical Devices: Screening for the Y2K Bug, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Practices, hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFF) Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Education Reform: Putting the Needs of Our Children First, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, to mark up the following: a measure to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries; and H. Res. 178, concerning the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square

massacre of June 4, 1989, in the People's Republic of China, 9:30 a.m., H-139 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Ethiopia-Eritrea War: U.S. Policy Options, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on Novel Procedures in FCC License Transfer Proceedings, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1753, (and S. 330), Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Role of the National Forests in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on New NPS Methodology used to evaluate the achievement of natural quiet restoration standards in Grand Canyon National Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1656, Department of Energy Commercial Application of Energy Technology Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 1743, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 1744, National Institute of Standards and Technology Authorization Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, to mark up H.R. 1882, Small Business Review Panel Technical Amendments Act of 1999, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Empowerment, hearing on "Welfare To Work: What Is Working, What Is Next?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the impact of complexity in the tax code for individual taxpayers and small businesses, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Allegations of CIA Involvement in Drug Trafficking in California, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of S. 1059, Department of Defense Authorization, with votes to occur at 2:15 p.m. on certain pending amendments.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, May 25

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of 3 Suspensions:  
(1) S. 249, Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act;

(2) H.R. 1833, Drug Free Borders and Prevention of On-Line Child Pornography; and

(3) H. Res. 178, concerning the 10th Anniversary of the Tianamen Square Massacre; and

Consideration of H.R. 1906, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (open rule, one hour of general debate).

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