

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Bankruptcy Reform Act.

House Committee ordered reported the Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S225–S304*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2022–2026, S.J. Res. 38, and S. Res. 251–252. **Page S285**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 1053, to amend the Clean Air Act to incorporate certain provisions of the transportation conformity regulations, as in effect on March 1, 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–228) **Page S285**

#### Measures Passed:

**Bankruptcy Reform Act:** By 83 yeas to 14 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 5), Senate passed H.R. 833, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 625 (Senate companion measure), and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S225–57**

#### Adopted:

Schumer/Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Page S243**

By 80 yeas to 17 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 2), Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are nondischargeable. **Pages S226–32, S247**

#### Rejected:

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 3), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S237–41, S243–45, S248**

By 29 yeas to 68 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 4), Levin Amendment No. 2658, to provide for the nondischargeability of debts arising from fire-arm-related debts. **Pages S238–39, S241–43, S248–49**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2770, invalidating hidden security interests on nearly valueless household liens. **Pages S232–33, S236–37**

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

Reed (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 2650, to control certain abuses of reaffirmations, previously adopted on November 10, 1999, was further modified. **Pages S233–36**

Senate insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the House thereon. **Page S255**

Subsequently, S. 625 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S255**

**Nomination:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S258–78, S301**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination on Thursday, February 3, 2000, with a vote on confirmation to occur at 10:30 a.m. **Page S301**

**Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act—Cloture Vote Vitiating:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote scheduled for today be vitiating. **Page S301**

**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Egypt on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 106-19).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Page S301**

**Sequential Committee Referral—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Committee on Governmental Affairs reports S. 1977, Corporate Subsidy Reform Commission Act, the bill then be sequentially referred to the Committee on Finance for a period of up to 45 days during which the Senate is in session. **Page S301**

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

Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Susan S. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Laurens L. Wise II, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics for a term expiring June 21, 2003.

18 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps. **Pages S302–04**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S280–81**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S294–S301**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S281**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S247–49, S255**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 3, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S301.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BOSNIA AND KOSOVO SECURITY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine current security status in Bosnia and Kosovo following U.S. military operations, after receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

### INTERNET TAXATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine Internet taxation issues, focusing on the implications of State and local government sales taxes applied to purchases made over the Internet, after receiving testimony from Massachusetts Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, Boston; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Charles E. McLure, Jr., Stanford University Hoover Institute, Stanford, California; and Aaron Lukas, Cato Institute Center for Trade Policy Studies, and Iris J. Lav, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.

### IRS REFORM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on the status of Internal Revenue Service reform, focusing on the implementation of the Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, and W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both of the Internal Revenue Service, and David C. Williams, Inspector General for Tax Administration, all of the Department of the Treasury; and James R. White, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### GENE THERAPY SAFETY

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Public Health held hearings to examine certain issues regarding patient safety in gene therapy clinical trials, focusing on federal oversight procedures and guidelines for informing patients and their families of potential risks and benefits of gene therapy, receiving testimony from Amy Patterson, Director, Office of Biotechnology Activities, National Institutes of Health, and Jay P. Siegel, Director, Office of Therapeutics Research and Review, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, both of the Department

of Health and Human Services; Inder M. Verma, Salk Institute Laboratory of Genetics, La Jolla, California; LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Washington, D.C.; H. Stewart Parker, Targeted Genetics Corporation, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; Eric Kast, Norman, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and Paul L. Gelsinger, Tucson, Arizona.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### WORLD THREATS ASSESSMENT

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats to national security, focusing on traditional and unconventional threats, including proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, state-sponsored terrorism, and non-state terrorists, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Vice Adm. Thomas R. Wilson, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; and J. Stapleton Roy, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 3567–3574; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 413–415, were introduced. **Pages H208–09**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Workplace Goods Job Growth and Competitiveness Act:** The House passed H.R. 2005, to establish a statute of repose for durable goods used in a trade or business by a year and a day vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 7. **Pages H173–84**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended. **Pages H181–83**

Agreed to the Chabot amendment, as modified, that clarifies that the eighteen year statute of repose for durable goods applies to the date when the accident occurs and that provisions do not affect any relief for remediation of the environment. **Pages H181–83**

The Terry amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to exempt durable goods that were not state-of-the-art at the time they were produced. **Page H183**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H184**

Earlier the House agreed to H. Res. 412, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill. **Pages H171–73**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of February 7. **Page H184**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, February 7:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Thursday, February 3, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 7. **Page H184**

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, February 8:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, February 7, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, for morning-hour debate. **Page H184**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 8. **Page H184**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H183–84. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Office of Compliance, the CBO and the Financial Managers Council. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress; the following officials of the Office of Compliance: Barbara Childs Wallace, member, Board of Directors; and Ricky Silberman, Executive Director; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; the following officials of the Financial Managers Council: Richard L. Brown, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General, Operations, GAO; and John D. Webster, Director, Financial Services, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL ROLE IN K–12 MATHEMATICS REFORM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families and the Subcommittee on Post secondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning held a joint hearing on Federal Role in K–12 Mathematics Reform. Testimony was heard from Judith S. Sunley, Interim Director, Office of Education and Human Resources, NSF; Kent McGuire, Assistant Secretary, Office of Education Research and Improvement, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### KYOTO AND THE INTERNET

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Kyoto and the Internet: The Energy Implications of the Digital Economy. Testimony was heard from Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: The Current Research Agenda. Testimony was heard from Kwai Chan, Director, Special Studies and Evaluations Group, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Dale Vesser, USA, Deputy to the Special Assistant, Gulf War Illnesses; Robert Foster, Director, BioSystems; John Mazzuchi, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and John Feussner, M.D., Chief Research and Development Officer; Drue Barrett, Chief, Veterans' Health Activity Working Group, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### NEW CENTURY—CHANGING AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Changing American Diplomacy for the New Century. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Overseas Advisory Panel: Lewis Kaden, Chairman; and Ambassador Langhorne A. Motley, member; and a public witness.

#### PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1999.

#### COMMON SENSE PROTECTIONS FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3160, Common Sense Protections for Endangered Species Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 1999.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the proposed loan guarantee program, focusing on rural satellite and cable system delivery of local broadcast stations to viewers not having access to local television stations, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold oversight hearings on the Office of National Drug Control Policy Anti-Drug Media Campaign, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, with the Committee on the Budget, to hold joint hearings to examine modernizing the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; followed by a closed hearing (SH-219), 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* with the Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold joint hearings to examine modernizing the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nomination of Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship & Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation; and the nomination of W. Michael McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 11 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nomination of George L. Farr, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; the nomination of Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; the nomination of Nancy Killefer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; the nomination of Larry L. Levitan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; the nomination of Steve H. Nickles, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; the nomination of Robert M. Tobias, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; and the nomination of Karen Hastie Williams, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 11 a.m., SD-215.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the Report of the Commission on the Advancement of Federal Law Enforcement Commission Members, 2 p.m., SD-226.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 3

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, with a vote on confirmation to occur thereon; following which, Senate will proceed to a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Pro forma session.

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