

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S345–S455*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2035–2037, and S. Res. 253. **Page S381**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Developments in Aging: 1997 and 1998.” **Page S381**

**Measures Passed:**

*Northern Mariana Islands Covenant Implementation Act:* Senate passed S. 1052, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94–241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S355–67, S369–73**

Murkowski/Akaka Amendment No. 2807 (to committee substitute), to clarify that visas and admissions under the legislation are not to be counted against numerical limitations in the Immigration and Nationality Act. **Pages S369–70**

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

A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Emergency with respect to Terrorists Who Threaten to Disrupt the Middle East Peace Process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–83) **Page S375**

Transmitting the budget for fiscal year 2001; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 to the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget. (PM–84) **Pages S375–78**

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

Carey Cavanaugh, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts.

Rust Macpherson Demig, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

John W. Limbert, of Vermont, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

43 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

26 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

9 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Coast Guard. **Pages S453–55**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S375–78**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S385–93**

**Text of H.R. 833, as Previously Passed:** **Pages S393–S453**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12:01 p.m., and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 8, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S453.)

### Committee Meetings

There were no committee meetings today.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 3579–3581, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 416, were introduced.

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### Reports Filed:

Filed on Feb. 3, H.R. 1656, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the commercial application of energy technology and related civilian energy and scientific programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Energy, amended (H. Rept. 106–492 part 1);

H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, amended (H. Rept. 106–493); and

H.R. 2366, to provide small businesses certain protections from litigation excesses and to limit the product liability of nonmanufacturer product sellers, amended (H. Rept. 106–494 part 1).

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

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

**Budget for Fiscal Year 2001:** Message wherein he transmitted his fiscal year 2001 budget—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–162); and

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**Periodic Report on Terrorism:** Message wherein he transmitted his six month periodic report on terrorists who threaten to disrupt the middle east peace process—referred to the Committee in International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–190).

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**Review of the National Reconnaissance Office:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. Tony Beilenson of Chevy Chase, Maryland to the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office.

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**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H219.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No recorded votes or quorum calls developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

**Special Committee on Aging:** to hold hearings on certain provisions of S. 1895, to amend the Social Security Act to preserve and improve the medicare program, focusing on its overall restructuring plan, and prescription drug coverage, 9:30 a.m., SD–562.

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** to hold hearings to examine the American dairy policy, 9 a.m., SH–216.

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on suicide, focusing on prevention and awareness, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Joint Economic Committee, and the Congressional Budget Office, 9:30 a.m., SD–116.

**Committee on Armed Services:** to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** to hold hearings on S. 1879, to promote international monetary stability and to share seigniorage with officially dollarized countries, 10 a.m., SD–628.

**Committee on the Budget:** to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., SD–608.

**Committee on Finance:** to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, and certain tax proposals, 10 a.m., SD–215.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for foreign aid, and to review U.S. foreign policy, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

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

#### House

**Committee on Appropriations,** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., and on the Health Care Financing Administration, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

**Committee on Armed Services,** hearing on the adequacy of the defense budget, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

**Committee on Banking and Financial Services,** hearing on Recent Bank Failures; Underlying Factors including

Subprime Lending, Asset Securitizations, and Fraud; Regulatory Initiatives; and H.R. 3374, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Examination Enhancement and Insurance Fund Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on the Census, oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Examining the Status of Key Census 2000 Operations, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3331, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Con-

servation Act of 1999; H.R. 3390, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Conservation Act of 1999; and H.R. 3516, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit pelagic longline fishing in the exclusive economic zone in the Atlantic Ocean, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 2086, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act; and H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 2000, 6:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the outcome of the World Trade Organization Ministerial held in Seattle, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 8

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 8

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate expects to begin consideration of S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act.

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

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of Suspensions:

- (1) H.R. 1451, Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act;
- (2) S. 632, Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act; and
- (3) H. Con. Res. 76, Recognition and Public Awareness of the Child Abuse and Neglect Problem.

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