

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S457–S507

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2038–2041, and S. Res. 254. **Page S489**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 245, to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 764. **Page S505**

Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:
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Pending:

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2808, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S463–77, S480–82**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 2808 (listed above) and, by unanimous-consent, a vote on the cloture motion will occur at 2:15 p.m. today. **Page S463**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion may occur on Thursday, February 10, 2000. **Page S464**

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

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 7), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 2808 (listed above).
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—7) **Page S470**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:50 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S505.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DAIRY POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine the United States dairy policy and programs, focusing on the Federal Milk Marketing Order, Northeast Dairy Compact, Dairy Export Incentive Program, and S. 1930, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to provide for the termination of milk marketing orders, receiving testimony from Senators Specter, Jeffords, Kohl, Wellstone, Feingold, and Grams; Representatives Kind, Mark Green, and Ryan; Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison; Nathan L. Rudgers, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany; Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; Gregg L. Engles, Suiza Foods Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Martin Yoder, Indiana Professional Dairy Producers, Middlebury; John J. Wilson, Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; Dennis Vander Stelt, Kuna, Idaho, on behalf of the Western States Dairy Producers Trade Association and the Idaho Dairymen's Association, Inc.; Gordon Hoover, Gap, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Milk Producers Federation; Richard Gorder, Mineral Point, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation; and Wayne Bok, Geddes, South Dakota, on behalf of the Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on suicide awareness and prevention issues, after receiving testimony from David Satcher, Surgeon General/Assistant Secretary for Health, Susan Blumenthal, Assistant Surgeon General/Senior Science Advisor, Office of Public Health and Science, and Steven E. Hyman, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; John Mann, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, New York, New York; John Fildes, University of Nevada School of Medicine Trauma Institute, Las Vegas; Kay Redfield Jamison, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.; Jade Smalls, Evanston, Illinois; and Danielle Steel, San Francisco, California.

APPROPRIATIONS—JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE/CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Joint Economic Committee, and the Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from Representative Saxton; and Dan L. Crippen, Director, and Barry B. Anderson, Deputy Director, both of the Congressional Budget Office.

DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and William J. Lynn, III, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY STABILITY ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded hearings on S. 1879, to promote international monetary stability and to share seigniorage with officially dollarized countries, after receiving testimony from Edwin M. Truman, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs.

2001 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, focusing on education programs and tax provisions, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; and Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 and related tax proposals, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; and Silva Mathews, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Committee recessed subject to call.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for foreign assistance and to review U.S. foreign policy around the world, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

MEDICARE REFORM: PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Frist; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland; Stephen L. Goeser, Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, Iowa; Beatrice Braun, Springhill, Florida, on behalf of the American Association of Retired Persons; Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Deborah Steelman, Steelman Health Strategies, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3582–3603; 1 private bill, H.R. 3604; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87; H. Con. Res. 247, and H. Res. 417–418, were introduced. **Pages H253–54**

Reports Filed: Reports filed:

H. Res. 419, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 106–495). **Page H253**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H225**

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

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1451, to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 385 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 8)—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H227–30, H237**

Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness: S. 632, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers (passed by a ye and nay vote of 378 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 9)—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H230–33, H237–38**

Honoring the Former Speaker of the House, Carl B. Albert: The House agreed to H. Res. 418, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Carl B. Albert, former Speaker of the House of Representatives by a ye and nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 10. **Pages H233–36, H238–39**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H236**

Federal Judicial Center: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Ms. Laurie E. Michel of Virginia to the Board of the Federal Judicial Center for a five-year term. **Page H236**

National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Mr. Thomas F. Burks II of Texas to the Board of Directors of the National Urban Air Toxics Research Center. **Page H236**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H255–56.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and appear on pages H237, H237–38, and H239–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and pursuant to H. Res. 418 adjourned at 8:57 p.m. in memory of the late Carl B. Albert.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Health Care Financing Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donna E. Shalala, Secretary; and Nancy Ann DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

DEFENSE BUDGET ADEQUACY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the adequacy of the defense budget. Testimony was heard from the following former Secretaries of Defense: James R. Schlesinger; and William J. Perry; and public witnesses.

RECENT BANK FAILURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a 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. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

ADMINISTRATION’S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2001. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Examining the Status of Key Census 2000 Operations. Testimony was heard from Kenneth

Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3331, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Conservation 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. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2086, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Science. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 8. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be open for amendment by section. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record and provides that those amendments shall be considered as read. 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 Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Hall of Texas.

MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 2000, providing two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on

Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the resolution. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in the report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Weller and Rangel.

OUTCOME—SEATTLE WTO MINISTERIAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the outcome of the World Trade Organization Ministerial held in Seattle. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Weller and Waters; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Susan Westin, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the dairy pricing system, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine loan guarantees and rural television service, 10 a.m., SD-628.

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

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy priorities, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the national intelligence estimate on the ballistic missile threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SD-342.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review legislation to establish a loan guarantee program to promote the delivery of direct-to-home satellite services to rural America, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Administration on Children, Youth and Families and the Administration on Aging, 10 a.m., and on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, hearing on issues related to the restitution of Holocaust victims' assets, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, joint hearing on Medical Errors: Improving Quality of Care and Consumer Information, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, oversight hearing on The White House, the Networks, and TV Censorship, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on Title VI: Providing Flexibility for Innovative Education, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the Applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act to Private Internet Sites, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, hearing on H.R. 3182, Craig Municipal Equity Act of 1999; followed by a oversight hearing on Issues and controversies relating to access across conservation systems lands and other public lands in Alaska under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Shrinking Workforce Endangers America's Small Businesses: Examining the Need for the Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act, focusing on H.R. 1824, Skilled Workforce Enhancement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal year 2001, 1 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2001 budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will continue consideration of S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Pro forma session.

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