

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S509–S562

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2042–2050, and S. Res. 255. **Page S538**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the “Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse”. **Page S538**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Bob Collins: Senate agreed to S. Res. 255, recognizing and honoring Bob Collins, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Page S554**

Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act: Senate continued 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 amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S514–20, S522–34**

Adopted:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2813 (to Amendment No. 2808), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S522**

Murkowski (for Conrad) Amendment No. 2819 (to Amendment No. 2813), to include the State of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Michigan in the study required by this Act. **Page S522**

Pending:

Lott (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2808, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S514–20, S522–34**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending substitute amendment on Thursday, February 10, 2000, with a vote on final passage to occur at 11 a.m. **Page S554**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture vote scheduled to occur on S. 1287 be vitiated. **Page S522**

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

Rotterdam Convention concerning Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Treaty Doc. No. 106–21)

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 S559**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the emigration laws and policies of Albania; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–85) **Page S535**

Transmitting the report of three rescissions of budget authority; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975; to the Committees on the Budget, Appropriations, Energy and Natural Resources, and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–86) **Page S535**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

18 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Antoon II, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Robert J. Cindrich, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

John R. Dinger, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Audrey G. Fleissig, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Phyllis J. Hamilton, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Lao People’s Democratic Republic.

Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela.

Kent R. Markus, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Danny Lee McDonald, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

Christopher A. McLean, of Nebraska, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

John Martin O'Keefe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mary Ann Peters, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Marc Racicot, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Bradley A. Smith, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Navy, Army, and Marine Corps.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 10, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S554.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL DAIRY POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States dairy policy and programs, focusing on the Federal Milk Marketing Order, Northeast Dairy Compact, and Dairy Export Incentive Program, after receiving testimony from Kenneth C. Clayton, Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture; Arthur S. Jaeger, Consumer Federation of America, and John E. Frydenlund, Center for International Food and Agriculture Policy, on behalf of the Citizens Against Government

Waste, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark Furth, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., New Ulm, Minnesota; James Tillison, Alliance of Western Milk Producers, Sacramento, California; Larry J. Jensen, Leprino Foods, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the International Dairy Foods Association; Dennis Meyer, Bernard, Iowa, on behalf of the Family Dairies USA; Clark W. Hinsdale, III, Vermont Farm Bureau, Inc., Richmond, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; John Neal Scarlett, New Market, Tennessee, on behalf of the South East Dairy Farmers Association; Will Hughes, University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, Madison; Eugene Paul, National Farmers Organization, Ames, Iowa; and Bill Brey, Wisconsin Farmers Union, Sturgeon Bay, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and James Vanblarcom, Colombia Cross Roads, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's State Dairy Committee.

LOAN GUARANTEES AND RURAL TELEVISION SERVICE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the proposed Federal loan guarantees for rural television service, focusing on rural satellite and cable system delivery of local broadcast stations to viewers not having access to local television stations, and the digital divide, and the disparity of access to the Internet in rural areas, after receiving testimony from Senators Burns, Hutchinson, Thomas, and Lincoln; and Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

2001 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, focusing on budget surpluses and debt reduction issues, receiving testimony from Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Howard Adler, Jr., Baker and McKenzie, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Albert A. Foer, American Antitrust Institute, and Deirdre Mulligan, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; Stephen D. Bolerjack, Ford Motor

Company, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Daniel Jaye, Engage Technologies, Inc., Andover, Massachusetts; and Vermont Attorney General William H. Sorrell, Montpelier.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1653, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act;

S. 1752, to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, with an amendment;

S. 1946, to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the "John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act", to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, and to extend the programs under that Act, with an amendment;

S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse";

S. 1691, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 707, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance; and,

The nominations of Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and W. Michael McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Also, committee approved the following subcommittee name change: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water.

U.S. FOREIGN STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States foreign policy strategy, after receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, Shea and Gardner, former Director of Central Intelligence, and Robert B. Zoellick, former Under Secretary of State, both of Washington, D.C.; and William J. Perry, Stanford University, Stanford, California, former Secretary of Defense.

COLLEGE COST

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of Government financial aid, receiving testimony from Jamie Pueschel, United States Student Association, Washington, D.C.; David W. Breneman, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Claire L. Gaudiani, Connecticut College, New London; Caroline M. Hoxby, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; William F. Massy, Jackson Hole Higher Education Group, Inc., Jackson, Wyoming; and William E. Troutt, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT TO THE U.S.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the National Intelligence Estimate on the ballistic missile threat to the United States, after receiving testimony from Robert D. Walpole, National Intelligence Officer for Strategic and Nuclear Programs, National Intelligence Council; and William Schneider, Jr., Hudson Institute, and Joseph Cirincione, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

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.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 3605–3609, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 420–421, were introduced. Page H278

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H257

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

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RURAL AMERICA DIRECT-TO-HOME SATELLITE SERVICES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review legislation to establish a loan guarantee program to promote the delivery of direct-to-home satellite services to rural America. Testimony was heard from Representatives Emerson and Boucher; Christopher McLean, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the Administration on Aging, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Olivia Golden, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families; Jeanette Takamura, Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging; Nelba Chavez, M.D., Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and John M. Eisenberg, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and William J. Lynn, III, Comptroller.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS' ASSETS RESTITUTION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on issues related to the restitution of Holocaust victims' assets. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICAL ERRORS: IMPROVING QUALITY OF CARE

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 held a joint hearing on Medical Errors: Improving Quality of Care and Consumer Information. Testimony was heard from Thomas Garthwaite, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on The White House, the Networks, and TV Censorship. Testimony was heard from Donald R. Vereen, Jr., M.D., Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION—PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Title VI: Providing Flexibility for Innovative Education. Testimony was heard from Valerie Woodruff, Acting Secretary of Education, Department of Education, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADA'S APPLICABILITY TO PRIVATE INTERNET SITES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act to Private Internet Sites. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ALASKA PUBLIC LANDS ACCESS; CRAIG MUNICIPAL EQUITY ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an 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. Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 3182, Craig Municipal Equity Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Jack Craven, Director of Lands, Forest Service, USDA; and Dennis Watson, Mayor, Craig, Alaska.

SHRINKING WORKFORCE ENDANGERS AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES; SKILLED WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a 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. Testimony was heard from Senator DeWine; and public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2001—AGENCY BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal year 2001. Testimony was heard from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Corps of Engineers; the following officials of the EPA: J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Timothy Fields, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; the following officials of the TVA: Kate J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, Resource Group; and David N. Smith, CFO; Danny D. Sells, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Sally J. Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ADMINISTRATION'S FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2001 budget. Testi-

mony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the findings of the President's working group's report on Over the Counter Derivatives Markets and the Commodity Exchange Act, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume 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 the Budget: to hold hearings on spectrum auctions, technology, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1797, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska; S. 1192, to designate national forest land managed by the Forest Service in the Lake Tahoe Basin as the "Lake Tahoe National Scenic Forest and Recreation Area", and to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe Basin; S. 1664, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; S. 1665, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange; and S. 1936, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings on the implications of the Seattle Ministerial on trade policies, 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.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific on the current situation in East Timor, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn Building.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on Russian intelligence activities directed at the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

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

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

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to mark up H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures; S. 1638, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty; S. 671, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions; S. Res. 251, designating March 25, 2000, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; and the proposed Pardon Attorney Reform and Integrity Act, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine enhancing border security, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Health Resources and Services Administration, 10:30 a.m., and on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Members of Congress and public witnesses, 9:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

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

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

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the reuse of single-use medical devices, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on OPEC and the Northeast Energy Crisis, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 64, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on money laundering, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2121, Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the Visa Waiver Pilot Program, 11 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Proposed Concessions Regulations, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: a measure to raise the ceiling for the Dam Safety Act; H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; H.R. 2647, Ak-Chin Water Use Amendments Act of 1999; and H.R. 3236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on EPA's Proposed Regulations Regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and the Federal Anti-Degradation Policy, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medical Errors, 9:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing to Examine Social Security's Readiness for the Impending Wave of Baby Boomer Beneficiaries, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific on the current situation in East Timor, 1:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act, with a vote on final passage to occur at 11 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 2000 (structured rule, 2 hours of general debate).

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