

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