

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported seven sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 11 a.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTERNET SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded

hearing on internet security issues, focusing on criminal behavior and significant threats to our national security and economic security, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Bill Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce; Robert Chestnut, eBay, Inc., San Jose, California; Jeff B. Richards, Internet Alliance, Washington, D.C.; and Mark D. Rasch, Global Integrity Corporation, Reston, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3669–3698, and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 252–255, were introduced. **Pages H508–10**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of February 15 by a yeas and nays vote of 354 yeas to 46 nays, Roll No. 22. **Pages H457–58**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain the Rev. Dr. Ronald F. Christian of Fairfax, Virginia. **Page H457**

Millennium Digital Commerce Act—E—SIGN: The House passed S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, after amending it to contain the text of H. R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act. The House insisted on its amendments and requested a conference. **Pages H486–89**

Appointed as conferees: Chairman Bliley and Representatives Tauzin, Oxley, Dingel, and Markey. **Page H489**

Small Business Liability Reform Act of 2000: The House passed H.R. 2366, to provide small businesses certain protections from litigation excesses and to limit the product liability of nonmanufacturer product sellers by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 25. **Pages H463–86**

Agreed to:

Hutchinson amendment that allows the court to exceed punitive damage caps if it finds clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with specific intent to cause harm; **Pages H476–77**

Moran of Virginia amendment that defines punitive damage as those awarded to punish or deter others from engaging in similar behavior and does not include any civil penalties, fines, or treble damages assessed by a State or Federal government agency; and **Pages H478–79**

Watt of North Carolina amendment that strikes language to preclude Federal court jurisdiction over