

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2372, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000.

House Committees ordered reported 16 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 3998–4032; 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 286–288, and H. Res. 443 were introduced. **Pages H1118–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report of the Committee on Commerce on the Congressional Proceedings against Dr. Miles Jones for failure to appear pursuant to a duly authorized subpoena (H. Rept. 106–527). **Page H1118**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, III, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. **Page H1079**

Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000: The House passed H.R. 2372, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under

the Constitution by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 55. **Pages H1089–H1114**

Rejected the Conyers amendment that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back with an amendment that exempts claims dealing with actions to protect the public from prostitution or illegal drugs; control adult book stores and the distribution of pornography; protect against illegal ground water contamination, waste dumps, or similar environmental degradation; or that results from a voter initiative to control development by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 54. **Pages H1111–13**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, and made in order by the rule. **Page H1111**

Agreed To:

Traficant amendment, as modified, that requires a Federal agency to notify property owners within thirty days of any action taken by the agency to limit the use of the property. **Pages H1101–02**

Rejected:

Watt of North Carolina amendment that sought to remove the bill's limitation to claims involving private property (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 52) and

Pages H1098–H1101