

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1473–S1532

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2254–2265, S. Res. 276, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Page S1512**

Measures Passed:

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 97, expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis. **Pages S1528–29**

Social Security Earnings Test Elimination: Senate began consideration of H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1483–S1503**

Adopted:

Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 2886, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1492–93**

Rejected:

Kerrey Amendment No. 2885, to redesignate the term for the age at which an individual is eligible for full, unreduced old-age benefits. (By 55 years to 44 days (Vote No. 41), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1489–92, S1493–94**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 22, 2000, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon at 10 a.m. **Page S1529**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—41) **Page S1494**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:04 a.m., and adjourned at 6:16 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, March 22, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1529.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FCC/SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities, from William E. Kennard, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine certain issues relating to Alzheimer's Disease, focusing on research funding, care giver support, and the Alzheimer's Disease Prevention Initiative, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Steven T. DeKosky, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Orien Reid, Laverock, Pennsylvania, both on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association; Maureen Reagan, Sacramento, California; and Frank Carlino, Cornwall, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS—SENATE SoS/SAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001, after receiving testimony, in behalf of funds for their respective activities, from Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate, and James W. Zigler, Sergeant at Arms, both of the United States Senate.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Douglas A. Dworkin, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the defense science and technology program, after receiving testimony from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Delores M. Etter, Deputy Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Frank L. Fernandez, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, all of the Department of Defense; Paul J. Hooper, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; H. Lee Buchanan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lawrence J. Delaney, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; and Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Harvard-Stanford Preventive Defense Project.

HUD PUBLIC HOUSING ASSESSMENT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS), after receiving testimony from Harold Lucas, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Charles Schloz, Denver Housing Authority, Denver, Colorado; Hal Rose, Temple Housing Authority, Temple, Texas; F. Allen Hester, Saint Paul Public Housing Agency, Saint Paul, Minnesota; and Kevin S. Nelson, Stratford Housing Authority, Stratford, Connecticut.

INTERACTIVE VIOLENCE IMPACT ON CHILDREN

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of interactive violence on children, focusing on the effects of violent content in movies, video games, and Internet sites, after receiving testimony from Sabrina Steger, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky; David Walsh, National Institute on Media and the Family, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Craig An-

derson, Iowa State University Department of Psychology, Ames; Jeanne B. Funk, University of Toledo Department of Psychology, Toledo, Ohio; Eugene F. Provenzo, Jr., University of Miami School of Education, Coral Gables, Florida; and Danielle Shimotakahara, North Bend, Oregon.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND LEASING PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on General Services Administration's proposed fiscal year 2001 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, including the courthouse construction program, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and Judge Jane R. Roth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment concluded oversight hearings to examine the current status of cleanup activities under the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund program, focusing on progress made to date, future improvements, and the impact of administrative reform, after receiving testimony from Timothy Fields, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Lois J. Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; New York State Assistant Attorney General Eugene Martin-Leff, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; R. B. Jones, East Palo Alto City Council, East Palo Alto, California, on behalf of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals; Robert W. Varney, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord, on behalf of the Environmental Council of the States; and Terrence Gray, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence.

U.S. NONPROLIFERATION POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine nonproliferation threats and U.S. policy formulation issues, receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert Joseph, Center for Counter Proliferation Research, and Stephen A. Cambone, Institute for National Strategic Studies, both of the National Defense University, and Joseph Cirincione, Carnegie

Endowment for International Peace, all of Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, focusing on the Administration's implementation of recommendations contained in the Perry report on North Korea, after receiving testimony from Wendy R. Sherman, Counselor, Department of State; and Franklin D. Kramer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

INTERNET PHARMACY REGULATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held hearings to examine the benefits and risks of pharmaceutical sales over the Internet, focusing on public health implications, law enforcement, and regulatory challenges, receiving testimony from Jane E. Henney, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kansas Attorney General Carla J. Stovall, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Carmen A. Catizone, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Park Ridge, Illinois; Bruce A. Levy, Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, Austin, on behalf of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Inc.; Peter M. Neupert, drugstore.com, Bellevue, Washington; and Calvin J. Anthony, National Community Pharmacists Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 2392, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill, to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns; and

H.R. 2614, to amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, with an amendment.

TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBE LAND BASE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on § 2102, to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Pauline Esteves and Barbara Durham, both of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, Death Valley, California; Catherine S. Fowler, University of Nevada Department of Anthropology, Reno; and Charles F. Wilkinson, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder.

NARCOTICS CERTIFICATION PROCESS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded hearings to examine the annual certification process which requires the President to submit to Congress his assessment on international cooperation to control illegal drug production and transit, and International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Donnie R. Marshall, Acting Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 4037–4050, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 291, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3903, a private bill, to deem the vessel M/V MIST COVE to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code (H. Rept. 106–531).

H. Res. 444, providing for consideration of S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000 (H. Rept. 106–532); and

H. Res. 445, providing for consideration of H.R. 3822, Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000 (H. Rept. 106–533).

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

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