

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Social Security Earnings Test Elimination bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1533–S1617

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2266–2276. **Page S1596**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report to accompany S. 2251, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, and to provide agriculture producers with choices to manage risk. (S. Rept. No. 106–247)

S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–248) **Page S1596**

Measures Passed:

Social Security Earnings Test Elimination: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 42), Senate passed H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age, as previously amended. **Pages S1533–41**

Federal Crop Insurance Act Amendments: Senate began consideration of S. 2251, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, and to provide agriculture producers with choices to manage risk, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1563–82**

Adopted:

Lugar/Harkin Modified Amendment No. 2887, to strengthen and make certain improvements to Federal Crop Insurance Act provisions. **Pages S1564, S1573–76**

Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2888, to express the sense of Congress regarding the Rally for Rural America and the rural crisis. **Pages S1566–71**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following third reading of the bill, the Senate proceed to the House companion bill, H.R. 2559, strike all after the enacting clause, and insert

the text of S. 2251, as amended, the House bill be advanced to third reading and passage occur, all without any intervening action or debate. Further, the Senate insist on its amendment, and request a conference with the House thereon. **Page S1564**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, March 23, 2000, with a vote on the Wellstone Amendment No. 2888 (listed above), to occur at 11 a.m., followed by a vote on final passage of H.R. 2559, House companion measure. **Page S1582**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the combined annual reports of the National Science Foundation for fiscal years 1996–1997 and the annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–94) **Page S1591**

Transmitting the 1998 annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–95) **Pages S1591–92**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bruce Sundlun, of Rhode Island, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Nuria I. Fernandez, of Illinois, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Lawrence George Rossin, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.

John A. White, Jr., of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Re-appointment)

Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. (New Position) **Page S1617**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—42)	Page S1540

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 23, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1617.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CABIN USER FEE FAIRNESS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded hearings on S. 1938, to provide for the return of fair and reasonable fees to the Federal Government for the use and occupancy of National Forest System land under the recreation residence program, after receiving testimony from Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; David R. Mead, Sawtooth Forest Cabin Owners' Association, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mary Clarke Ver Hoef, National Forest Homeowners, Sacramento, California; Paul R. Allman, American Land Rights Association, and Richard M. Betts, Betts and Associates, both of Berkeley, California; and Joe Corlett, Mountain States Appraisal and Consulting, Inc., Boise, Idaho.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on tactical aviation, after receiving testimony from 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 Philip E. Coyle, III, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

ELECTRONIC AND EQUITY FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine electronic communications networks and brokerage firms efforts to meet investors' needs in the equity financial marketplace of the future, after receiving testimony from J. Joe Ricketts, Ameritrade Holding Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, and Kevin Foley, Bloomberg Tradebook, both of New York, New York; David G. Downey, Interactive Brokers, and Gerald Putnam, Archipelago, both of Chicago, Illinois; and John M. Schaible, NexTrade Holdings, Inc., Clearwater, Florida.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NASA MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space held hearings to examine recent program and management issues at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, Harry McDonald, Director, Ames Research Center, Tony Spear, Task Leader, and Arthur G. Stephenson, Director, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, all of NASA; and Allen Li, Associate Director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

WATER AND POWER

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings