

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2403–2415, and S. Res. 286–290. **Pages S2616–17**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–261)

S. 1705, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho. (S. Rept. No. 106–262)

S. 1727, to authorize for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–263)

S. 1797, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the City of Craig, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–264)

S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama. (S. Rept. No. 106–265)

S. 1849, to designate segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–266)

S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–267)

S. 1910, to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–268)

H.R. 1615, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to extend the designation of a portion of the Lamprey River in New Hampshire as a recreational river to include an additional river segment. (S. Rept. No. 106–269)

H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State. (S. Rept. No. 106–270)

H.J. Res. 86, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed Forces during such war.

H. Con. Res. 269, commending the Library of Congress and its staff for 200 years of outstanding service to the Congress and the Nation and encouraging the American public to participate in bicentennial activities. **Pages S2615–16**

Measures Passed:

Worker Economic Opportunity Act: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 81), Senate passed S. 2323, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the treatment of stock options under the Act. **Pages S2575–86**

National Peace Officer's Memorial Service: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 278, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2645**

Library of Congress 200th Birthday Celebration: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 279, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2645**

Center for the Performing Arts Performances: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 281, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2645**

Senate Chamber Photograph: Senate agreed to S. Res. 288, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.

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Smithsonian Institution Appointment: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the measure was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Appointment: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 41, providing for the appointment of Sheila E. Widnall as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the measure was then passed.

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Smithsonian Institution Appointment: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 42, providing for the reappointment of Manuel L. Ibanez as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the measure was then passed.

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Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate proceed to vote on the cloture motion on Amendment No. 3090 (listed above), at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2000.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–81) Page S2586

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 13, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S2645–46.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Office of External Affairs, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for Independent Agencies, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Harris Wofford, Chief Executive Officer, and Luise S. Jordan, Inspector General, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service; Ellen Lazar, Director, and Maurice Jones, Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, both of the Community Development Financial Institutions; and Andrea Kidd Taylor, Board Member, Chemical Safety and Hazardous Investigations Board. Testimony was also received from Karyn L. Molnar, KPMG, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

INSURANCE AGENT LICENSING REFORMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded oversight hearings on multi-state insurance agent licensing reforms and the creation of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, after receiving testimony from Terri M. Vaughan, Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Clare Farragher, New Jersey General Assembly, Trenton, on behalf of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators; Robert A.