

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2817–S2888*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2455–2462, and S. Res. 294–296. **Page S2865**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Reported on Thursday, April 20, during the adjournment:

H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 271, regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, and with an amended preamble.

Reported today:

S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominantly by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–275) **Page S2865**

**Victims Rights:** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 82 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 86), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above). **Pages S2835–36**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above), on Wednesday, April 26, 2000.

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act—Cloture Vote—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon adoption of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3, Victim's Rights, the Senate vote on the motion to close further debate on Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090 to 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.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Mark D. Gearan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of two years. (New Position)

Linda B. Riegle, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada vice Johnnie B. Rawlinson, elevated.

Laura Taylor Swain, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York vice Thomas P. Griesa, retired.

Daniel G. Webber, Jr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Jose Antonio Perez, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years vice Michael R. Ramon, resigned.

Russell John Qualliotine, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S2880–88**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Thomas P. Furey, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, which was sent to the Senate on March 2, 2000. **Page S2888**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S2862**

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**Text of S. 1627, as Previously Passed:** **Pages S2876–77**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—86) **Page S2836**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2877.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary, and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Army.

### FEDERAL MASS TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) transit grant program, focusing on the Department of Labor’s process for issuing certifications for grant applications, the length of the process, and its potential to delay or change mass transit projects, after receiving testimony from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards Administration;

Nuria I. Fernandez, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; James La Sala, Amalgamated Transit Union, and Charles Moneypenny, Transport Workers Union of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Roger Snoble, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority, Dallas, Texas; Lee G. Gibson, Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County, Nevada, Las Vegas; and James Stoetzel, Transit Safety Management, Boston, Massachusetts.

### ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on S. 2239, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Leslie James, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, Tempe, Arizona; Greg Walcher, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; L. Randy Kirkpatrick, San Juan Water Commission, Farmington, New Mexico; Tom Pitts, Water Consult, Loveland, Colorado, on behalf of the Colorado Water Congress, Utah Water Users Association, and Wyoming Water Development Association; and Daniel F. Luecke, Environmental Defense, Boulder, Colorado.

### U.S. EAST ASIA AID PROGRAMS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine issues relating to U.S. aid programs and priorities in East Asia, focusing on how USAID is promoting U.S. national and foreign policy interests, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Randolph, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 2260 and S. 1272, bills to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, after receiving testimony from Senators Nickles, Wyden, and Gordon Smith; Eric Chevlen, St. Elizabeth Medical Center Cancer Care Center, Youngstown, Ohio; Arthur L. Caplan, University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics, Philadelphia; Rabbi J. David Bleich, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Kathleen M. Foley, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York; and Walter R. Hunter, VistaCare Hospice, Scottsdale, Arizona.