

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2463–2474, and S. Res. 297. **Page S2940**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. Res. 272, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively engaged in southeastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition; and fully implement the Stability Pact, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 98, urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, and with an amended preamble. **Page S2940**

Measures Passed:

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 297, to authorize testimony and legal representation in *Martin A. Lopow v. William J. Henderson*.

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Victims Rights: Senate continued 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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Senate may resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above).

Nuclear Waste/Veto Message—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that upon receipt of the veto message to accompany S. 1287, to provide for the storage of spent nuclear fuel pending completion of the nuclear waste repository, it be considered as read and spread in full upon the Journal and then temporarily laid aside. Further consent was reached providing for consideration of the veto message beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2000, and at 3:15 p.m., vote on reconsideration of the bill, the objections of the President notwithstanding.

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Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12 noon on Thursday, April 27, 2000, the Senate proceed to the cloture vote 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. **Page S2948**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:02 a.m., and adjourned at 5:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2948.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on issues relating to stem cell research, after receiving testimony from Senator Brownback; Gerald Fischbach, Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and Allen M. Spiegel, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, and Frank Young,