

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2949–S3042*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2475–2485, and S. Res. 298–300. **Page S3023**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 682, to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–276) **Page S3022**

#### Measures Passed:

**U.S.-Libya Policy:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 287, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward Libya. **Pages S3033–34**

**John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act:** Senate passed S. 1946, to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the “John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act”, to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, and to extend the programs under that Act, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S3034–36**

**Technical Corrections:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, to make technical corrections to the Standing Rules of the Senate. **Page S3036**

**National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, designating the week of April 23–30, 2000, as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week”. **Pages S3039–41**

**Celebrating Young Americans:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 90, designating the 30th day of April 2000 as “Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3041**

**Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act:** Senate resumed 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 applica-

ble to unmarried individuals, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2965–66**

Pending:

Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2965–66**

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

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 87), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Amendment No. 3090 to H.R. 6 (listed above). **Pages S2965–66**

**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. **Pages S2966–S3011**

Subsequently, by unanimous consent, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S3037**

**Elementary and Secondary Reauthorization—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, at 1 p.m., on Monday, May 1, 2000. **Page S3037**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Treaty Doc. 105–51) (Exec. Rept. No. 106–14) **Pages S3032–33**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received (on Wednesday, April 26, 2000) the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto message on S. 1287, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2000; which was ordered to be printed in the Journal. (PM–101) **Pages S3017–18**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S3036–37, S3042**

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

Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years. (New Position).

Norman J. Pattiz, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2001. **Page S3042**

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

Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, which was sent to the Senate on March 30, 2000. **Page S3042**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S3017–18**

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**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S3032–33**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3015–17**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—87) **Page S2965**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, May 1, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3037.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### AGRICULTURE OWNERSHIP CONCENTRATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation

relating to agriculture concentration of ownership and competitive issues, focusing on antitrust enforcement and the Department of Agriculture's role in the agribusiness merger review process, after receiving testimony from John M. Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; James F. Rill, Howrey and Simon, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Industry Structure Coalition; David C. Nelson, CS First Boston, New York, New York; Peter C. Carstensen, University of Wisconsin School of Law, Madison; Stephen R. Koontz, Colorado State University Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Fort Collins; John Greig, Greig Company, Estherville, Iowa, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Jon Caspers, Swaledale, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Leland Swenson, National Farmers Union, Aurora, Colorado; and Ron Warfield, Illinois Farm Bureau, Gibson City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Bruce Sundlun, of Rhode Island, and Manuel Trinidad Pacheco, of Arizona, each to be a Member of the National Security Education Board, Department of Defense.

Also, Committee ordered favorably reported 2,560 nominations in the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force.

### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REFORM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance held oversight hearings on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and International Financial Institutions (IFI), focusing on institutional support and reform, the Administration's IMF and World Bank reform agenda, and the IFI Advisory Commission report, receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Allan H. Meltzer, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, C. Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., and Adam Lerrick, Barrytown, New York, all on behalf of the IFI Advisory Commission; and Steve H. Hanke, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### ELECTRIC POWER LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting