

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2710, S. Res. 319–320, and S. Con. Res. 121. **Page S4922**

Measures Passed:

Community Revitalization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States. **Page S4930**

Authorizing Senate Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 320, to authorize testimony by Senate employee in state administrative proceeding. **Page S4933**

Congratulating Representative Stephen Chen: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 121, congratulating Representative Stephen S.F. Chen on the occasion of his retirement from the diplomatic service of Taiwan. **Page S4933**

Defense Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4576, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4915–21**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. 123), Grassley Amendment No. 3279, to require the Department of Defense to match certain disbursements with obligations prior to payment. **Pages S4915–16**

Helms Amendment No. 3280, to express the sense of the Senate on bringing peace to Chechnya. **Pages S4916–18**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all first degree amendments to the bill, be filed by 3 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2000.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2000.

Alberto J. Mora, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2000.

David N. Greenlee, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay.

Susan S. Jacobs, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Solomon Islands, and as Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

John R. Dinger, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela.

John Martin O'Keefe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic.

Edward William Gnehm, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Australia.

Daniel A. Johnson, of Florida, Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname.

V. Manuel Rocha, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia.

Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Douglas A. Dworkin, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

W. Robert Pearson, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Marc Grossman, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, vice Edward William Gnehm, Jr.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

James Donald Walsh, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—123) Page S4916

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 11:54 a.m., until 12:00 noon, on Monday, June 12, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4928.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4620–4634; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 351 and H. Res. 520–522, were introduced. Pages H4173–74

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 1775, to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration program, amended (H. Rept. 106–561, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 4201, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the service obligations of non-commercial educational broadcast stations, amended (H. Rept. 106–662). Page H4173

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 7 by yeas and nays vote of 330 yeas to 51 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 251. Pages H4123, H4127

Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000: The House passed H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period by a recorded vote of 279 yeas to 136 noes, Roll No. 254. Pages H4128–64

Rejected the Doggett motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment to deny gift and tax exclusion to political organizations that fail to meet reporting and disclosure requirements by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 216 noes, Roll No. 253. Page H4160–63

Pursuant to the rule, the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 106–651, was considered as adopted. Page H4128

Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide a 20% reduction to estate and gift taxes and increase the limit on the

small business exclusion from \$1.3 million to \$2 million by a yeas and nays vote of 196 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 252. Pages H4148–60

The House agreed to H. Res. 519, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on June 8.

First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Ms. Mary Mathews of Ohio to the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board. Page H4168

Federal Judicial Center Foundation: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, of Mr. Benjamin Zelenko of Maryland to the Federal Judicial Center Foundation for a five-year term. Page H4168

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H4123.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4175–76.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4127, H4159–60, H4162–63, and H4163–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2:45 p.m..

Committee Meetings

OBSOLETE SHIPS—GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE IN DISPOSING

Committee on the Budget: Housing and Infrastructure Task Force held a hearing on Government's Failure in Disposing of Obsolete Ships. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Thomas J. Howard, Deputy Assistant Inspector General; and John E. Graykowski,

Deputy Administrator, Maritime Transportation; and Vice Adm. James F. Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

U.S. LEAVING PANAMA—COUNTERDRUG IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Counterdrug Implications of the U.S. Leaving Panama. Testimony was heard Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Ana Maria Salazar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Drug Enforcement Policy and Support, Department of Defense; William Ledwith, Chief, International Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 12 Through June 23, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4576, Defense Appropriations.

During the remainder of the week, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4576, Defense Appropriations, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriations bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: June 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 10 a.m., SD-116.

June 13, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the government of the District of Columbia, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 13, Subcommittee on Securities, with the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold joint hearings to examine the Merchant Banking Regulations pursuant to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the practices of Internet network advertisers and steps that can be taken to improve consumers' privacy online, 10 a.m., SR-253.

June 14, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on S. 2454, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize low-power television stations to provide digital data services to subscribers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

June 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner; to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 14, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

June 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings on certain provisions of S.2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

June 15, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on the United States General Accounting Office March 2000 report entitled "Need to Address Management Problems that Plague the Concessions Program", 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: June 13, to hold hearings on the nomination of James V. Aidala, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency; the nomination of Arthur C. Campbell, of Tennessee, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development; and the nomination of Ella Wong-Rusinko, of Virginia, to be Alternate Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

June 14, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the environmental benefits and impacts of ethanol under the Clean Air Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

June 15, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed highway diesel fuel sulfur regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 13, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with East Timor, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 14, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of Lebanon, 10 a.m., SD-419.

June 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the International Criminal Court, focusing on protecting American servicemen and officials from the threat of international prosecution, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

June 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with terrorism, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 15, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine NATO enlargement, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: June 14, business meeting to markup pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 13, to hold hearings to examine drug safety and pricing, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: June 14, to hold hearings on S.2282, to encourage the efficient use of existing resources and assets related to Indian agricultural research, development and exports within the United States Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 13, to hold hearings to examine post-conviction DNA testing, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 13, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to resume oversight hearings to examine the 1996 campaign finance investigations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

June 15, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine the United Airways and U.S. Airways airline merger, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, June 14, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing on H.R. 4541, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, June 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 5:30 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

June 13, full Committee, to mark up Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, June 14, hearing on H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings on improving regulation of housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, Housing, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, June 14, Education Task Force, hearing on Smothering Education Reform, How Washington Stifles Innovation, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

June 14, Health Task Force, hearing on Medicare's Regulatory Burden on Providers, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, June 13, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Decimals 2000—Will the Exchanges Convert?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "Computer Insecurities at DOE Headquarters: DOE's Failure to Get Its Own Cyber House in Order," 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 13, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3100, Know Your Caller Act of 1999; and H.R.

3180, Telemarketing Victims Protection Act, 11 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing entitled: "Prescription Drugs: Modernizing Medicare for the 21st Century," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 3125, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, June 13, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on FEHBP: OPM's Policy Guidance for 2001, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 14, full Committee, hearing entitled: "FACA: Conflicts of Interest and Vaccine Development—Preserving the Integrity of the Process," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing entitled: "Agency Response to the Electronic Freedom of Information Act," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 4049, Privacy Commission Act, 4 p.m., Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "Does Congress Delegate Too Much Power to Agencies and What Should be Done About It?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "F-22 Cost Controls: Will Production Cost Savings Materialize?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, June 13, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Zimbabwe: Democracy on the Line, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 14, full Committee, hearing on the Treatment of Religious Minorities in Western Europe, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 14, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Challenges to Hemispheric Democracy: Elections, Coups, and Instability, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 15, full Committee, hearing on Implementing Overseas Presence Advisory Panel Recommendations, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 13, hearing on H.R. 3575, Student Athlete Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 13, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 2929, Captive Elephant Accident Prevention Act of 1999, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

June 14, full Committee, oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Airline Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Copyrighted Webcast Programming on the Internet, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on "The Threat Posed by the Illegal Importation, Trafficking, and Use of Ecstasy and Other 'Club' Drugs," 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, June 13, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3693, Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000; H.R. 4420, to reauthorize the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission; and the Utah School Trust Lands Exchange, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 14, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4345, Alaska Native Claims Technical Amendments Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following bills: S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; and H.R. 4340, Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 15, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

June 15, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up pending business, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, June 12, to consider the following: H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; and the Conference Report to accompany S. 761, Millennium Digital Commerce Act, 5 p. m., H-313 Capitol.

June 13, to consider a measure making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, June 13, hearing to review Science, Math, Engineering and Technology Education in Kindergarten Through 12th Grade and H.R. 4272, National Science Education Enhancement Act, 2 p.m., 2328 Rayburn.

June 14, hearing on Computer Security Lapses: Should FAA be Grounded? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, June 14, hearing on Rural Health Care Services: Has Medicare Reform Killed Small Business Providers? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction, hearing on the Small Business Ombudsman and the Regulatory Fairness Program, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 13 and 15, hearings on the Proposed United-US Airways Merger, 2 p.m., on June 13 and 10 a.m., on June 15, 2167 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on FAA Implementation of the Aviation Medical Assistance Act of 1998 (Should Defibrillators be Required on Aircraft and at Airports), 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 13, hearing on legislation to cover prescription drugs under Medicare, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

June 14, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the processing of attorney fees by the SSA, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

June 15, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on United States-Vietnam Relations, including the renewal of Vietnam's waiver under the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: June 13, to hold hearings to examine the situation five years after the Dayton Agreement which ended the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, 2 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, June 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, June 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4576, Defense Appropriations.

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