

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4915–S4935

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.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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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,