

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 235, Pipeline Safety.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1167–S1238

Measures Introduced: Seventeen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 285–301. **Page S1218**

Measures Passed:

Pipeline Safety: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 11), Senate passed S. 235, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Boxer Amendment No. 3, to direct the Secretary of Energy to request the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of, and report to Congress on, increasing the reserve supply of natural gas.

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McCain/Hollings Amendment No. 4, to make certain technical and minor corrections. **Page S1187**

McCain (for Reed) Amendment No. 5, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in consultation with the Department of Energy, to conduct a study of, and report to Congress on, the natural gas pipeline transmission network in New England and natural gas storage facilities associated with that network.

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Corzine Amendment No. 10, relating to the frequency of pipeline inspections. **Pages S1192–95**

Congratulating Sri Lanka's Independence: Senate agreed to S. Res. 17, congratulating President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the celebration of 53 years of independence.

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El Salvador Earthquake: Senate agreed to S. Res. 18, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck El Salvador on January 13, 2001.

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India Earthquake: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck India on January 26, 2001, and support for ongoing aid efforts.

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Holocaust Remembrance Day: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 14, permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, and the resolution was agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Nickles (for McConnell) Amendment No. 11, to strike April 18, 2001, and insert April 19, 2001.

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Appointments:

National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, his appointment of Senators DeWine and Sessions to serve as members of the National Council on the Arts.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the national emergency with respect to Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–4)

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Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation on tax relief; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–5)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Paul Henry O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years;

United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—11) Pages S1199–S1200

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:22 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, February 12, 2001 for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1238.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the Secretary's priorities and plans for the Department of Energy national security programs, including weapons, nonproliferation, naval reactor, and environmental management programs, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain budgetary issues, including the projected federal budget surpluses and tax reduction initiatives, and their impact on the economic outlook of the United States, after receiving testimony from Wayne D. Angell, Bear, Stearns and Company, Inc., New York, New York; and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, and Alice M. Rivlin, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on bankruptcy reform issues, including related provisions of S. 220, to amend title 11, United States Code, after receiving testimony from Chief Judge Edward R. Becker, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); Judge Randall J. Newsome, United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California, and Philip L. Strauss, San Francisco Department of Child Support Services, both of San Francisco; Brady C. Williamson, LaFollett, Godfrey and Kahn, Madison, Wisconsin, former Chair of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission; Kenneth H. Beine, Shoreline Credit Union, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association, Inc.; Robert D. Manning, University of Houston Law Center Institute for Higher Education, Law, and Governance, Houston, Texas; Dean Sheaffer, Boscov's Department Stores, Inc., Laureldale, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Retail Federation; Maria T. Vullo, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, New York, New York; and Todd J. Zywicki, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

HEALTH CARE PRIVACY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held hearings to examine the effectiveness of the new Department of Health and Human Services' regulations that maintain the privacy of personal health information in the face of advanced information technology and the increasing number of access to identifiable health information, receiving testimony from Leslie G. Aranovitz, Director, Health Care—Program Administration and Integrity Issues, General Accounting Office; Janlori Goldman, Georgetown University Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, and Judith L. Lichtman, National Partnership for Women and Families, both of Washington, D.C.; Jane F. Greenman, Honeywell International, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Benefits Council; John P. Houston, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health System, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; G. Richard Smith, Jr., University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Centers for Mental Health Services Research, Little Rock, on behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges; and Robert C. Heird, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.