

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 559, Designating the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts.

The House passed H.R. 524, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act.

The House passed H.R. 554, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1363–S1438

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 322–339, S. Res. 20–24, and S. Con. Res. 11–14. **Pages S1394–95**

Measures Passed:

Patent, Copyright, and Trademark Laws Technical Corrections: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 12), Senate passed S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws. **Pages S1376–84**

President's Trip to Mexico: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 13, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the upcoming trip of President George W. Bush to Mexico to meet with newly elected President Vicente Fox, and with respect to future cooperative efforts between the United States and Mexico. **Pages S1435–37**

Organ and Blood Donations: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 12, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation, and supporting National Donor Day. **Page S1437**

President's State of the Union Address: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 28, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S1437**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1437**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Page S1381**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 15, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1437.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on Department of Transportation management oversight issues, including transportation safety, stewardship of transportation funding, immediate budget issues, and aviation system performance, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and John H. Anderson, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure, General Accounting Office.

EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, and examined issues relating to the establishment of an effective, modern framework for export controls, and the impacts of globalization and export controls on national security, after receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Donald A. Hicks, Hicks and Associates, McLean, Virginia, on behalf of the Defense Science Board Task Force on Globalization and Security.

COMPETITIVE MARKET SUPERVISION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, after receiving testimony from Laura S. Unger, Acting Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; Marc Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; James E. Burton, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento; and Leopold Korins, Security Traders Association, New York, New York.

INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications held hearings to examine the structure of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the organization in charge of creating and distributing Internet domain names, and the effort underway to expand available domain names, receiving testimony from Michael M. Roberts, Marina Del Rey, California, and Karl Auerbach, Cisco Systems, San Jose, California, both on behalf of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers; A. Michael Froomkin, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida; Roger J. Cochetti, VeriSign, Inc., and Kenneth M. Hansen, NeuStar, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Brian R. Cartmell, eNIC Corporation, Seattle, Washington.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

EDUCATION TAX AND SAVINGS INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation that would offer education tax and saving incentives, including related provisions of S. 289, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for education, S. 133, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and S. 152, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit and increase the income limitation on the student loan interest deduction, after receiving testimony from Senators McConnell, Sessions, Biden, Schumer, Allen, Hutchinson, Harkin, and Collins; Steven Maguire, Analyst in Public Finance, Government and Finance Division, Congressional Research Service; Kimberly Sheppard, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Iowa City, on behalf of the American Dental Association; Tom Carter, West Liberty High School, West Liberty, Iowa; David J. Pearlman, Fidelity Investments, Westlake, Texas; and Janet Parker, Amsouth Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management/Section 127 Coalition.

PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of recent pardons and commutations granted by President Clinton, including the pardons of Marc Rich and Pincus Green, as well as the pardon process, the role of the Department of Justice, and constitutional and legal issues that could arise from legislative efforts to revise the current system, after receiving testimony from Roger Adams, Pardon Attorney, and Eric H. Holder, Jr., former Deputy Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice; Jack Quinn, Quinn and Gillespie, Washington, D.C.; Benton Becker, University of Miami, Pembroke Pines, Florida; Ken Gormley, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Christopher H. Schroeder, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.