

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1657–S1721

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 409–419, S. Res. 31–39, and S. Con. Res. 19. **Page S1699**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 31, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. Res. 32, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. Res. 33, authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. Res. 35, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. Res. 36, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. Res. 37, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 38, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.

S. Res. 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration. **Page S1698**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Dale Earnhardt: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 29, honoring Dale Earnhardt and expressing condolences of the United States Senate to his family on his death, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1719–20**

Recognizing Peace Corps Achievements: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, recognizing the achievements and contributions of the Peace Corps over the past 40 years, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1720**

Committee Budgets/Rules of Procedure—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that in accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 189 of the 106th Congress, there be authorized for the period of March 1 through March 10, 2001 funds for the expenses of each of the Standing

Committees of the Senate, the Special Committee on Aging, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Indian Affairs, and such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of the employees of such committees for the above described period, to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate. Further, the such sums be $\frac{1}{15}$ of the amount provided the committee under S. Res. 189 for the period October 1 through February 28, 2001. Further, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, for purposes of the 107th Congress, the publication date for Committee Rules shall not be later than March 10, 2001. **Page S1719**

Appointments:

Joint Committee on Taxation: The Chair, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: Senators Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Baucus, and Rockefeller. **Page S1719**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a report entitled “A Blueprint for New Beginnings: A Responsible Budget for America’s Priorities”; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Budget. (PM–8) **Pages S1696–97**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 14), John M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Bill Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Paul D. Wolfowitz, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. 7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1675–76, S1718–19, S1721**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David Aufhauser, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

John M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—14) Page S1676

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 1, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1721.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 31) requesting \$1,794,378 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$3,181,922 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$1,360,530 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators Roberts (Chairman), Helms, Cochran, Fitzgerald, McConnell, Conrad (Ranking Member), Daschle, Baucus, Lincoln, and Miller.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Fitzgerald (Chairman), Helms, Cochran, Roberts, Thomas, Baucus (Ranking Member), Leahy, Conrad, Nelson, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Crapo (Chairman), McConnell,

Thomas, Allard, Hutchinson, Lincoln (Ranking Member), Leahy, Daschle, Stabenow, and Dayton.

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senators McConnell (Chairman), Allard, Hutchinson, Crapo, Helms, Leahy (Ranking Member), Conrad, Miller, Stabenow, and Benjamin Nelson.

FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine statutes of conservation programs in the current farm bill, including Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Pasture Recovery Program, and Debt for Nature, receiving testimony from Katherine R. Smith, Director, Resource Economics Division, Economic Research Service, Thomas A. Weber, Deputy Chief for Programs, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Robert Stephenson, Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs Division, Farm Service Agency, all of the Department of Agriculture; and Jeffrey A. Zinn, Senior Analyst in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Defense medical programs, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Surgeon General, and Brig. Gen. William T. Bester, Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of the United States Army; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, Medical Corps, Surgeon General, and Rear Adm. Kathleen L. Martin, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, both of the United States Navy; Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Surgeon General, and Brig. Gen. Barbara C. Brannon, Director of Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General, both of the Department of the Air Force.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 38) requesting \$3,301,692 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 2001 through September 30, 2001, \$5,859,150 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, and \$2,506,642 for operating expenses for the period from October 1, 2002 through February 28, 2003.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 107th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments: