

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 247, Tornado Shelters Act, to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

House committee ordered reported the Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief Act of 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2681–S2794

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 593–602, S. Res. 62–63, and S.J. Res. 10. **Page S2730**

Measures Passed:

Competitive Market Supervision Act: Senate passed 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 agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S2785–92

Gramm Amendment No. 142, to require a study to be conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission for the purpose of determining the extent to which reductions in fees are passed on to investors.

Pages S2788–89

Gramm Amendment No. 143, to provide for a demonstration project under title 5, United States Code, relating to compensation of employees of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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National Safe Place Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 25, designating the week beginning March 18, 2001 as “National Safe Place Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan cam-

paigned reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2682–88, S2690–S2717**

Adopted:

Cochran Modified Amendment No. 137, to provide for increased disclosure of election-related reports and information. **Pages S2686, S2690–91**

Wyden Modified Amendment No. 138, to provide that the lowest unit rate for campaign advertising shall not be available for communications in which a candidate directly references an opponent of the candidate unless the candidate does so in person.

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By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 45), McConnell (for Nickles/Gregg) Amendment No. 139, to strike section 304, with respect to the codification of the Beck Decision, regarding nonunion member payments to labor unions. **Pages S2698–S2703**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 124, to develop standards for software, and to make software meeting such standards available to candidates for election to Federal office for filing disclosure reports in electronic form and making receipts and disbursements available to the public on the Internet.

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Rejected:

Hatch Amendment No. 136, to add a provision to require disclosure to shareholders and members regarding use of funds for political activities. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 44), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S2682–86

Pending:

Specter Amendment No. 140, to provide findings regarding the current state of campaign finance laws and to clarify the definition of electioneering communication.

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Helms Amendment No. 141, to require labor organizations to provide notice to members concerning

their rights with respect to the expenditure of funds for activities unrelated to collective bargaining.

Pages S2714–17

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Helms Amendment No. 141 (listed above) to the bill at 8:45 a.m., on Friday, March 23, 2001, with a vote to occur thereon at approximately 9 a.m. Page S2714

Constitutional Amendment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached that, pursuant to the agreement of February 7 with respect to S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections, the Senate proceed to that resolution on Monday, March 26, 2001, at 2 p.m. Further, that final passage of the resolution occur on Monday at 6 p.m.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Faryar Shirzad, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Andrew S. Natsios, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Larry D. Thompson, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Tim S. McClain, of California, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

44 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Authority for Committees: Page S2785

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—45) Pages S2686, S2703

Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 8:45 a.m., on Friday, March 23, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the

Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2793.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review activities of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, focusing on allegations of corruption in the meat inspection program in the New York City metropolitan area, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, and Thomas J. Billy, Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION—MILITARY STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command; and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, with amendments.

DEBT MANAGEMENT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine management activities of the Department of the Treasury with respect to paying off the publicly held debt by the year 2011, and related international economic and financial implications, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, former Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, and Edwin M. Truman, Institute for International Economics, both of Chevy Chase, Maryland; F. Ward McCarthy, Jr., Stone & McCarthy Research Associates, Princeton, New Jersey; and Albert M. Wojnilower, Craig Drill Capital, New York, New York.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation,

and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title IV of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act (P.L. 105-391), relating to concession reform, after receiving testimony from Richard G. Ring, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joseph K. Fassler, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the National Park Hospitality Association; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks Conservation Association, and William P. Horn, Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot, on behalf of America Outdoors, both of Washington, D.C.; and Curt Cornelssen, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Boston, Massachusetts.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICARE FINANCING

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine issues related to the projections of future Medicare spending and growth, as well as restructuring of the program, focusing on designing and funding prescription drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries, receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Patricia Neuman, Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the intelligence assessment of emerging national security threats from George J. Tenet, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

DC METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to assess the District of Columbia Metropolitan

Police Department's year 2000 performance, after receiving testimony from City Administrator John A. Koskinen, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Margret Nedelkoff Kellums, and Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey, all of the District of Columbia.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Public Health concluded hearings to examine the United States health care safety net system and the challenges facing providers who care for the uninsured and medically underserved, focusing on the authorization of several programs including the Consolidated Health Centers Program, the National Health Service Corps, and the Healthy Communities Access Program, after receiving testimony from Claude Earl Fox, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis S. Freeman, Cherokee Health Systems, Talbot, Tennessee, on behalf of the American Psychological Association and the Tennessee Primary Care Association; Velma Lopez Hendershott, InterCare Community Health Network, Bangor, Maine, on behalf of the National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.; Robert P. Moser Jr., Greeley Family Practice, Tribune, Kansas; and John G. O'Brien, Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems.

MEMBER TRIBES OBJECTIVES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the legislative priorities and objectives of national, regional, and inter-tribal organizations that represent tribal governments, receiving testimony from Susan Masten, Yurok Tribe, Eureka, California, and Thomas R. Ranfranz, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Flandreau, South Dakota, both on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; and Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again Wednesday, March 28.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 1, 1160–1205; 1 private bill, H.R. 1206; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 40–41; H. Con. Res. 77–82, and H. Res. 98–99, were introduced. **Pages H1112–15**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1063**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rev. Rebecca Hartvigsen, Home of Guiding Hands, Santee, California. **Page H1063**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the LaFalce motion to adjourn by a yea and nay vote of 71 yeas to 336 nays, Roll No. 56. **Pages H1069–70**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were considered pursuant to H. Res 92, the rule that provided for consideration of suspensions on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, or Thursday, March 22, 2001:

Coast Guard Personnel and Management Safety: H.R. 1099, to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies (passed by a yea and nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 58). The bill was debated on Wednesday, March 21; and **Page H1074**

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor: H.R. 802, amended, to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor (passed by a yea and nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 59). **Pages H1066–68, H1074–75**

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Saxton to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H1075**

House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Ney, Chairman, and Representatives Aderholt, Reynolds, Hoyer, Frost, and Thompson of Mississippi to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards. **Page H1075**

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of Representative Pickering to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years. Subsequently, read a letter from

the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Lewis of Georgia to Stennis Center for a term of six years. **Page H1075**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Subsequently, read a letter from the Clerk wherein he announced his appointment of Ms. Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois to the advisory committee. **Page H1075**

Tornado Shelter Act: The House passed H.R. 247, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks by a recorded vote of 401 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H1075–86**

Agreed To:

Frank amendment that authorizes the appropriation of \$50 million for the construction or improvement of tornado or storm-safe shelters for manufactured housing; **Page H1083**

Traficant amendment that encourages the purchase of American-made equipment and products and requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide a notice to that effect (agreed to by a recorded vote of 396 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 60); **Pages H1083–84, H1084–85**

LaFalce amendment that clarifies that the shelters shall be located in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods; and **Page H1084**

LaFalce amendment that clarifies that the shelters shall serve the residents of the area in which it is located and will not be made available for the exclusive use of a particular neighborhood. **Page H1084**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make other technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H1086**

H. Res. 93, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 246 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 57. Pursuant to the rule, the Bachus amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in the Congressional Record of March 19 and numbered 1, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H1068–69, H1070–74**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget: Agreed that it be in order on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, to declare the House resolved into the

Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for a period of debate on the concurrent resolution on the budget; that debate not exceed three hours; that two hours of such debate be confined to the congressional budget and be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and that one hour of such debate be on the subject of economic goals and policies and be equally divided and controlled by Representatives Saxton and Stark or their designees; that after such debate, the Committee of the Whole rise without motion; and that no further consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. **Page H1086**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 26. **Page H1086**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 26: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meeting on Monday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in pro forma session. **Page H1086**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 26, it adjourn to meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate. **Page H1086**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 28. **Page H1087**

International Child Abduction: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of the Congress on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and urging all Contracting States to the Convention to recommend the production of practice guides. **Pages H1087–88**

Agreed to the Chabot amendments to the text and preamble. **Page H1088**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Deutsch, Borski, Lantos, and Rush to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly. **Page H1110**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1069–70, H1073–74, H1074, H1074–75, H1084–85, and H1085–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from Barb Determan, President, National Pork Producers Council; Cindy Siddoway, President, American Sheep Industry Association; Peggy Vining, Vice President, International Operations, Purdue Farms; and Wythe Willey, President-Elect, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Hearings continue March 28.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, USAF; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA; Dr. Jarrod Clinton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Dr. James Sears, Executive Director, TRICARE Activity.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration. Testimony was heard from Vincent F. Schimmoller, Deputy Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH COMPANIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Innovative Research Companies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTRICITY MARKETS: CALIFORNIA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality concluded oversight hearings

on Electricity Markets: California. Testimony was heard from William Keese, Chairman, Energy Commission, State of California; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL MEDICAL PRIVACY REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Assessing HIPAA: How Federal Medical Privacy Regulations Can Be Improved. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TELEWORK POLICIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held an oversight hearing on “Toward a Telework-Friendly Government Workplace: Successes and Impediments in Managing Federal Telework Policies.” Testimony was heard from Steven Cohen, Acting Director, OPM; David L. Bibb, Acting Deputy Director, GSA; S. Mark Lindsey, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported amended H. Res. 84, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

The Committee also considered other pending business.

OVERSIGHT—EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Executive Orders and Presidential Directives. Testimony was heard from Representative Hansen; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on “ICANN, NEW gTLDS, and the Protection of Intellectual Property.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL LAND OIL AND GAS RESOURCE BASE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Estimated Oil and Gas Resource Base on Federal Land and Submerged Land: How Much Oil and Gas can these Lands Produce? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: P. Patrick Leahy, Associate Director, Geology, U.S. Geological Survey; and Carolita Kallaur, Associate Director, Offshore Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 107, amended, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War; H.R. 146, Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001; H.R. 182, amended, Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001; H.R. 581, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use funds appropriated for wildland fire management in the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to reimburse the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to facilitate the inter-agency cooperation required under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 in connection with wildland fire management; and H.R. 601, amended, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands.

NUCLEAR SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on H.R. 723, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove an exemption from civil penalties for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions. Testimony was heard from Eric J. Fygi, Acting General Counsel, Department of Energy; Gary Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY—EXPLORE WAYS TO IMPROVE

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to explore ways to improve the Office of Advocacy and to make that Office a more effective voice for small business within the Federal Government and the Private sector. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARRIAGE PENALTY AND FAMILY TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported amended H.R. 6, Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief Act of 2001.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS' PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from William Schmidt, American Ex-Prisoners of War, George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Col. Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), The Retired Officers Association, Raymond Boland, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, and Arthur C. Stahl, AMVETS, all of Washington, D.C.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MARCH 23, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State; and the nomination of Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:45 a.m., Friday, March 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 27, Campaign Finance Reform, with a vote on or in relation to Helms Amendment No. 141, to occur at approximately 9 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro forma session.

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