

Wednesday, February 15, 1995

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2677–S2769*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 419–426 and S. Con. Res. 7. **Pages S2757, S2764**

**Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment:** Senate continued consideration of H.J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, taking action on amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2679–S2732, S2736–54**

Rejected:

(1) Bingaman Amendment No. 248, to prohibit either House of Congress from requiring more than a majority of a quorum to approve either revenue increases or spending cuts. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 69), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S2679–85**

(2) Wellstone motion to refer H.J. Res. 1 to the Committee on the Budget with instructions. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 70), Senate tabled the motion.)

**Pages S2685–93**

(3) Johnston Modified Amendment No. 272, to provide that no court shall have the power to order relief pursuant to any case or controversy arising under the balanced budget amendment, except as provided in implementing legislation. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S2694–S2732**

(4) Biden Amendment No. 278, to provide for a capital budget. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S2736–49, S2753**

(5) Feingold motion to refer H.J. Res. 1 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions. (By 61 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S2749–54**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the resolution and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Wednesday, February 22, 1995. **Page S2754**

A third motion was entered to close further debate on the resolution and, in accordance with the

provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Wednesday, February 22, 1995. **Page S2754**

Senate will resume consideration of the resolution on Thursday, February 16, 1995, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S2757–64**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S2764**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S2764–67**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S2767–68**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2768–69**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—73) **Pages S2684–85, S2693, S2732, S2749, S2753–54**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 16, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S2769.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### PACIFIC MILITARY COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held hearings to examine U.S. military activities in the Asia-Pacific region, receiving testimony from Adm. Richard C. Macke, USN, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Alton W. Cornelia, of South Dakota, Rebecca G. Cox, of California, Gen. James B. Davis, USAF (Ret.), of Florida, S. Lee Kling, of Maryland, Benjamin F. Montoya, of New Mexico, and Wendi Louise Steele, of Texas, each to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Cornelia was introduced by Senators Daschle and Pressler, Ms. Cox was introduced by Stevens and

Feinstein, Gen. Davis was introduced by Senator Graham, Mr. Kling was introduced by Senator Bond and Representative Gephardt, and Ms. Steele was introduced by Senators Nickles and Inouye.

#### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for international affairs, after receiving testimony from Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

#### FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1996 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

#### EPA BUDGET

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

#### CAPITAL GAINS TAXATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine the tax treatment of capital gains and losses, focusing on the economic and tax implications of a capital gains tax cut, receiving testimony from Jane G. Gravelle, Senior Specialist in Economic Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, Mark A. Bloomfield, American Council for Capital Formation, and Ronald A. Pearlman, Covington & Burling, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jude Wanniski, Polyconomics, Inc., Morristown, New Jersey.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### REGULATORY REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to reform the Federal regulatory process, to make government more efficient and effective, receiving testimony from Robert W. Crandall, Brookings Institution, Jerry J. Jasinowski, National Association of Manufacturers, on behalf of the Alliance for Reasonable Regulation, Linda E. Greer, Natural Resources Defense Council, and E. Donald Elliott, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, all of Washington, D.C.; Wash-

ington, D.C.; W. Kip Viscusi, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; and John D. Graham, Harvard University School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, March 1.

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ANTITRUST EXEMPTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine the court imposed major league baseball antitrust exemption, including related measures S. 415, to provide for a limited repeal of professional baseball's antitrust immunity, and S. 416, to repeal the antitrust exemption which shields major league baseball from the antitrust laws that apply to all other sports, after receiving testimony from Senators Hatch, Moynihan, Kassebaum, and Graham; Allan H. Selig, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Major League Baseball Executive Council; Kevin J. Arquit, Rogers & Wells, and Donald M. Fehr, both of New York, New York, David Cone, Kansas City Royals, Kansas City, Missouri, and Eddie Murray, Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles, California, all on behalf of the Major League Baseball Players Association; John L. Harrington, Boston Red Sox, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Major League Negotiating Committee; and James F. Rill, Collier, Shannon, Rill & Scott, Washington, D.C.

#### DAVIS-BACON REPEAL ACT

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 141, to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act (an Act which requires that the locally prevailing wage rate be paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics working under federally-financed or federally-assisted contracts for construction, alteration, and repair of public buildings or public works), after receiving testimony from Senator Chafee; Bernard Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards Administration; Mayor Clarke Becker, Woodland Park, Colorado, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Boyd W. Boehlje, Pella, Iowa, on behalf of the National School Boards Association; Gary Hess, Hess Mechanical Corporation, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; Mill Butler, Handon Diving Inc., Maurice Baskin, Venable, Baetjer, Howard & Civiletti, on behalf of the Coalition to Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, and Robert A. Georgine, Building and Construction Trades Department (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.; and Armand J. Thieblot, Baltimore, Maryland.