

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House held a joint meeting to receive an address from His Excellency Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic.

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S671–S871

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1549–1557, and S. Res. 219–223. **Pages S736–37**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996". (S. Rept. No. 104–228)

H.R. 2005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. (S. Rept. No. 104–229)

Conference report on S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition. (S. Rept. No. 104–230) **Page S736**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Ronald Reagan's 85th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, in recognition of Ronald Reagan's 85th birthday. **Pages S721–22**

Board of Tea Experts Elimination: Senate passed S. 1518, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897. **Page S724**

Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed H.R. 2657, to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S724–25**

Dole (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 3315, to strike section 5. **Page S725**

Authorization of Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, to authorize testimony by a former Senate employee. **Pages S743, S866**

PSI Documents Production: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, to authorize the production of documents by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. **Pages S743–44, S866**

Commemorating Texas Statehood: Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood. **Pages S744, S867**

Social Security Benefits Payment: Senate passed H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S725–26**

Subsequently, S. 1555, Senate companion measure, was indefinitely postponed. **Pages S725–26**

Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1541, to extend, reform, and improve agricultural commodity, trade, conservation, and other programs, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S672–84**

Pending:

Craig (for Leahy/Lugar) Amendment No. 3184, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S672–84**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 7), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill. **Page S683**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, may proceed to the cloture vote on the substitute Amendment No. 3184. **Pages S721, S725, S868**

Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act—Conference Report: By 91 yeas to 5

nays (Vote No. 8), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 652, to provide for a procompetitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S686–S721**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Derrick L. Forrister, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

- 8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Toni G. Fay, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Institute Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring October 12, 1998.

Audrey Tayse Haynes, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring October 13, 1998.

Marciene S. Mattleman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, for a term expiring October 12, 1998.

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
 - 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 - 4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—8)

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Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, February 5, 1996, for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S869.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lt. Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command, and Lt. Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command, and 12 routine military nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Shelton and Lt. Gen. Habiger (listed above), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings on S. 46, to revise the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, and to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, S. 1219 and S. 1389, bills to reform the financing of Federal elections, and S. 1528, to reform the financing of Senate campaigns, receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Feingold, Thompson, Wellstone, Feinstein, and Bradley; Joel M. Gora, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union; Robert M. O'Neil, Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, Charlottesville, Virginia; Archibald Cox, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Bradley A. Smith, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the CATO Institute; and David M. Mason, Heritage Foundation, Ann McBride, Common Cause, and Joan B. Claybrook, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were 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 recessed subject to call.