

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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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.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the

Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Susan Strayhorn, on behalf of the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 6.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 2924–2960; 1 private bill, H.R. 2961; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 159, H. Con. Res. 141–145, and H. Res. 356–361 were introduced. **Pages H1223–26**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 355, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996 (H. Rept. 104–460); and

H.R. 2406, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, amended (H. Rept. 104–461).

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Recess: House recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. **Page H1141**

Address by the President of France: The House and Senate met in a joint meeting to receive an address by the President of France. His Excellency Jacques Chirac was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Lott, Cochran, Mack, Thurmond, Coverdell, Daschle, Breaux, Pell, Inouye, and Reid; and by Representatives Armey, Cox, Gilman, Bereuter, Gephardt, Kennelly, Hoyer, and Hamilton.

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Telecommunications Act: By a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 16 noes, Roll No. 25, the House agreed to the conference report on S. 652, to provide for a 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.

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H. Res. 353, the rule which waived points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 337 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 24.

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 356, to protect the creditworthi-

ness of the United States and avoid default of the United States Government, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order. **Pages H1179–82**

Subsequently, agreed to the Solomon motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 26).

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Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 354, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order.

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Subsequently, agreed to the Solomon motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 27).

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District Work Period: By a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 29, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 141, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

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Social Security Benefits: By a yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas, Roll No. 30, the House passed H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996.

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H. Res. 355, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 28.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hoekstra wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on the Budget.

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Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 357, electing Representative Neumann to the Committee on the Budget.

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Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read and accepted a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, February 26, 1996.

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