

Friday, February 23, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1285–S1304*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1571–1573. **Page S1295**

**D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Page S1303**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, February 27, 1996. **Page S1303**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S1295–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1297–98**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1298–S1303**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 12:53 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 1996, for the reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### MONETARY POLICY

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* On Wednesday, February 21, committee concluded hearings to examine monetary policy issues, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### GOVERNORS PROPOSAL ON WELFARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Finance:* On Thursday, February 22, committee held hearings on the bipartisan National Governors' Association proposals to reform the Federal Medicaid and welfare programs, receiving testimony from Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison; Nevada Governor Bob Miller, Carson

City; Delaware Governor Tom Carper, Dover; Florida Governor Lawton Chiles, Tallahassee; Michigan Governor John Engler, Lansing; and Colorado Governor Roy Romer, Denver.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 28.

#### INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR PAROLE AND PROBATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, February 22, committee concluded hearings to assess problems in monitoring and enforcing parole under the Interstate Compact for Parole and Probation, after receiving testimony from Representative Chabot; William Ridgely, Compact Administrator for Wisconsin, Madison; Mario Paparozzi, Deputy Compact Administrator for New Jersey, Trenton; Susan F. Bishop, Compact Administrator for South Carolina, Columbia, and Ray Parra, Compact Administrator for Texas, Austin, both on behalf of the Parole and Probation Compact Administrators' Association; and Jill Goldhart, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Columbus.

#### FDA REFORM

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* On Wednesday and Thursday, February 21–22, committee concluded hearings on S. 1477, to improve the Federal regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, after receiving testimony on Wednesday from David A. Kessler, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Mary R. Hamilton, Director of Operations, Program, Evaluation and Methodology Division, General Accounting Office; Sherwin Gardner, Bethesda, Maryland, former Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Carl Peck, Georgetown University Medical Center, John Villforth, Food and Drug Law Institute, Lester Crawford, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, Susan Abbott, American Spice Trade Association, and Carolyn Smith Dewall, Center for Science and the Public Interest, all of Washington, D.C.; Ellen Stovall, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Silver Spring, Maryland; Derek Link, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York, New York; Pam Walker, Mitretek Systems, McLean, Virginia; Neil