

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1576–1582 and S. Con. Res. 71. Pages S317–18

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport: Senate began consideration of S. 1575, to rename the Washington National Airport located in the District of Columbia and Virginia as the “Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport”, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S306–16

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1640, to redesignate the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the “Federal Bureau of Investigation Building”. Pages S307–11

Dodd Amendment No. 1641, to establish a Federal Facilities Redesignation Advisory Group to consider and make recommendations for the renaming of existing Federal facilities. Pages S311–13

Daschle Amendment No. 1642, to require the approval by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority of the renaming of Washington National Airport as the Ronald Reagan National Airport. Pages S313–15

Robb Amendment No. 1643, to provide an orderly process for the renaming of existing Federal facilities. Pages S315–16

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, with votes to occur thereon.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report deferrals of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to

the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–89). Page S316

Transmitting the report of an agreement concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States; which was referred jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–90). Pages S316–17

Transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–91). Page S317

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 2), Carlos R. Moreno, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Pages S292, S330

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 3), Christine O. C. Miller, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment) Pages S292, S330

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. Page S330

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–3) Page S297

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 4, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S330.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; William J. Lynn III, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue on Thursday, February 5.

1999 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Jack Lew, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1253, to provide Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage Federal lands effectively in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, after receiving testimony from William H. Meadows, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Sallyanne Harper, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINE BANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the military implications of certain initiatives to prevent the United States from making use of anti-personnel landmines, receiving testimony from Gen. Carl E. Mundy, USMC (Ret.), former Commandant; Gen. Frederick J. Kroesen, USA (Ret.), former Commander-in-Chief, Europe; and Gen. Raymond G. Davis, USMC (Ret.), former Assistant Commandant.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3137—3151; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 107–108, H. Con. Res. 207, and H. Res. 346–347, were introduced. Page H240

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
Filed on January 29, H.R. 2625, to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport", amended (H. Rept. 105–408);

Filed on January 30, H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation, amended (H. Rept. 105–409);

H.R. 429, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for special immigrant status for NATO civilian employees in the same manner as for

employees of international organizations (H. Rept. 105–410);

H. Res. 344, providing for consideration of H.R. 2625, to redesignate Washington National Airport as "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport" (H. Rept. 105–411); and

H. Res. 345, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 107, expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds (H. Rept. 105–412). Pages H239–40

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H108

Resignation from the House of Representatives: Read a letter from Representative Ronald V. Delums wherein he resigns from the House of Representatives effective February 6, 1998. Page H109

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Budget of the U.S. Government: Message wherein he transmitted his 1999 Budget of the United States Government—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-177); Pages H111-14

Deferrals of Budgetary Resources: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning eight deferrals totaling \$4.8 billion—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-205); Page H195

United States and Latvia Fisheries Agreement: Message wherein he transmits the agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States—referred to the Committee on Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-206); and Page H222

Railroad Retirement Board: Message wherein he transmits the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1996—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means. Page H222

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations: H.R. 1085, amended, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations"; and Pages H114-90

FAA Research, Engineering and Development: Agreed to the Senate Amendments to H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H191-94

Coastwise Trade Certificate of Documentation: The House passed S. 1349, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *PRINCE NOVA*—clearing the measure for the President. Page H194

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H241-42.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT—IMPACT ON PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management and Speciality Crops held a hearing on proposed tobacco settlement's impact on producers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on Financial Managers Council and the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from Richard Brown, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General, Operations, GAO; and the following officials of the Library of Congress: John Webster, Director, Financial Services; James H. Billington, Librarian; Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian; Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian, Library Services; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights; Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service; and Frank Kurt Cylke, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

EAST ASIA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Concluded hearings on East Asia Economic Conditions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Stearns, Crapo, Paul and Sanders; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration's FY 1999 Budget Submission. Testimony was heard from Franklin D. Raines, Director, OMB.

HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1997. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Wei Jingsheng, Democracy Advocate and former political prisoner; and public witnesses.

RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2625, Ronald Reagan National Airport. The rule provides for a 2 hour time limit on the amendment process. The rule also makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rules provide for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster; and Representatives Davis of Virginia, Morella, Oberstar, Norton and Moran of Virginia.

COSTS PAYABLE—TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.J. Res. 107, expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds. The rule provides that the joint resolution will be considered as read. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth.

CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AND INCENTIVE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee ac-

tion H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998.

IRS TAXPAYER ADVOCATE—ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Annual Report to Congress of the Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Advocate. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner; Lee Monks, Taxpayer Advocate; and the following District Taxpayer Advocates: Fran Romano, Connecticut-Rhode Island District; Louis Romito, Associate District Taxpayer Advocate, Pennsylvania District; Janey Tabor, Ohio District; Sandra Ling, Pacific-Northwest District; and Elayne M. Goldstein, Midwest District.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, for reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nominations of Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Margaret Hornbeck Greene, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine trade and economic implications of the Asian financial crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, on proposed legislation to revise the Rehabilitation Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on classified disclosures to Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the Asian financial crisis: and to its relationship to U.S. agriculture, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, 1 p.m., 2362A, Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on National Parks Service, Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service and

the Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, hearing on Joint Economic Committee and Architect of the Capitol, 9 a.m., and the Joint Committee on Taxation, Capitol Police and the GAO, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to mark up H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Status of the Superfund Program, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2864, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements; H.R. 2877, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; and H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on Patient Access to Alternative Treatments: Beyond the FDA, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on Federal Aviation Administration at Risk: Year 2000 Impacts on the Air Traffic Control System, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Oversight, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Task Force for the Contested Election in the 46th Congressional District of California, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Implementation of the U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agree-

ment, and to consider a motion to go into executive session, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Financial Crisis in Asia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing regarding copyright licensing regimes covering retransmission of broadcast signals, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding Gambling in Cyberspace: a hearing on the legality of gambling on the Internet, focusing on H.R. 2380, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to consider pending business and to honor Rep. Donald V. Dellums, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, hearing on the Road from Kyoto Part I: Where Are We, Where Are We Going, and How Do We Get There? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for FY 1999, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Programs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on proposals to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iraq, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 27 through January 31, 1998

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	3	2	5
Time in session	21 hrs., 54'	10 hrs., 13'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	244	101	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	60	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	1	..
Bills through conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	7	7	14
Senate bills .....	..	1	..
House bills	1	..	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	1	..
Simple resolutions	5	5	..
Measures reported, total	*1	*2	3
Senate bills	1	..	..
House bills .....	..	2	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	..	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	116	42	..
Measures introduced, total	33	63	96
Bills	25	48	..
Joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Concurrent resolutions	1	6	..
Simple resolutions	7	9	..
Quorum calls	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	1	1	..
Recorded votes .....	..	..	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 27 through January 31, 1998

Civilian nominations totaling 156 (including 124 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	3
Unconfirmed	151
Withdrawn	2
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 142 (including 86 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	142
Air Force nominations, totaling 224 (including 21 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	224
Army nominations, totaling 370 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	370
Navy nominations, totaling 64 (including 4 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	64
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 6, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	6
<i>Summary</i>	
Total Nominations carried over from the First Session	237
Total nominations received this session	725
Total confirmed	3
Total unconfirmed	957
Total withdrawn	2

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. One report has been filed in the Senate, and one report has been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1575, to rename Washington National Airport as the "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport", with votes to occur thereon.

Also, Senate may begin consideration of the nomination of David Satcher, of Tennessee, to be Surgeon General.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 4

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2625, to designate "The Ronald Reagan National Airport" (Modified Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate); and Consideration of H.J. Res. 107, A Resolution Concerning Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Sanctions Payable by the White House Health Care Task Force (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate).

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