

Tuesday, March 10, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1665–S1713

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1733–1740, S. Con. Res. 82–83, and S. Res. 194–195. **Page S1697**

Report of a Committee: Reports were made as follows:

Final Report entitled “Investigation of Illegal or Improper Activities in Connection With 1996 Federal Election Campaigns”. (S. Rept. No. 105–167)

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ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1665–80, S1682–96**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 25), D’Amato Modified Amendment No. 1931 (to Amendment No. 1676), to reauthorize the mass transit programs of the Federal Government. **Pages S1665–80, S1682–92**

Allard-Grams Amendment No. 1940 (to Amendment No. 1931), to make the Fixed Guideway Program more equitable. **Pages S1678–79**

Specter Amendment No. 1941 (to Amendment No. 1931), to make reverse commute project grants eligible for assistance under the job access grants program. **Pages S1682–84**

Thomas/Johnson Amendment No. 1942 (to Amendment No. 1931), to increase funding for assistance for areas other than urbanized areas. **Page S1686**

D’Amato (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1943 (to Amendment No. 1931), to permit States to use assistance under the mass transit account of the Highway Trust Fund for capital improvements to, and operating support for, intercity passenger rail service. **Pages S1688–89**

Reed (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1944 (to Amendment No. 1931), relating to capital projects and small area flexibility. **Page S1689**

Graham/Murray Amendment No. 1945 (to Amendment No. 1931), relating to criteria for grants and loans for Fixed Guideway Systems. **Pages S1689–90**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 11, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report entitled “The 1996 Annual Report on Alaska’s Mineral Resources”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–108). **Pages S1696–97**

Transmitting the report concerning Federal agency climate change programs and activities; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–109). **Page S1697**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Brian Scott Roy, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years. **Page S1713**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar.

Charles Richard Stith, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S1713**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Tracy D. Conwell, of Texas, to be Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001, which was sent to the Senate on February 11, 1997. **Page S1713**

Messages From the President: **Pages S1696–97**

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Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1697–S1702**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) Pages S1691–92

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1713.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current Federal crop insurance program and proposals to improve the system, after receiving testimony from Representatives Pomeroy and Collin Peterson; Dallas R. Smith, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, on behalf of the Risk Management Agency; Ernest L. Ross, American Association of Crop Insurers, Washington, D.C.; Robert E. Fulwider, West Liberty, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents of America and the National Association of Crop Insurance Agents; Dee Vaughan, Lone Star Corn Growers Association, Dumas, Texas, on behalf of the National Corn Growers Association and the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Phil Cyre, South Dakota Farmers Union, Hazel, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for military construction programs, focusing on Air Force and Navy projects, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Rear Adm. David Nash, Chief, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Brig. Gen. James M. Hayes, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), United States Marine Corps; Rear Adm. John B. Totushek, Deputy Director of Naval Reserve; Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment); Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff, Installations and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Director,

Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clem, Deputy to the Chief of Air Force Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Yvette Jackson, Administrator, and Ronald J. Vogel, Associate Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, both of the Food and Nutrition Service, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director, Budget, Legislation, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 17.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON THE INTERNET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded hearings to review the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on-line investigation into the scope of child pornography and sexual exploitation of children on the Internet and to examine whether additional funding is necessary to continue the project, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Ernest E. Allen, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—DOE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Energy, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research, both of the Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Health and Human Services, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 18.