

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2083–S2146*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1768–1789, S. Res. 196 and 197, and S. Con. Res. 84. **Pages S2113–14**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 1768, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–168)

S. 1769, making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–169) **Page S2113**

#### Measures Passed:

**Honoring Senator McCain/Vietnam POW's:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, recognizing, and calling on all Americans to recognize, the courage and sacrifice of Senator John McCain and the members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and stating that the American people will not forget that more than 2,000 members of the Armed Forces remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict and will continue to press for the fullest possible accounting for all such members whose whereabouts are unknown. **Pages S2109–11**

**Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote:** By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 34), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. **Page S2094**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. **Page S2106**

**NATO Enlargement:** Senate began consideration of Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on

Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105–36), with seven declarations and four conditions. **Pages S2106–09, S2111–12**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination: By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 35 EX), Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Pages S2095–96, S2146**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S2113**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—35) **Pages S2094–95**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on pages S2144–45.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### AUTHORIZATION—CHILD NUTRITION

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, focusing on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), after receiving testimony from Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agricultural Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Denise Ferris, National Association of WIC Directors, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; Joan Trendall, Marion County Health