

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to NATO Enlargement Treaty.

Senate agreed to Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3809–S3960

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2009–2022, and S. Res. 220–222. Page S3919

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 175, A bill to designate the week of May 3, 1998 as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.”

S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Special Report entitled “Developments in Aging, Volume 3”. (S. Rept. 105–36)

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals”. (S. Rept. 105–179) Page S3918

Measures Passed:

National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, to designate April 30, 1998, as “National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day”. Page S3959

Commending Stuart Balderson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, to commend Stuart Franklin Balderson. Page S3960

Resolution of Ratification Approved: By 80 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 117), two thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification to the Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech (Treaty Doc. 105–36, after agreeing to the committee declarations

and conditions, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S3810–S3907

Adopted:

Stevens Modified Amendment No. 2066, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the United States share of NATO’s common-funded budgets, and to require an annual limitation on the amount of United States expenditures for payments to the common-funded budgets of NATO. Page S3847

Stevens Modified Amendment No. 2065, to require a prior specific authorization of funds before any United States funds may be used to pay NATO enlargement costs. Pages S3845–47, S3859

Nickles/Smith Amendment No. 2327, to require that the President report on the Strategic Concept of NATO. Pages S3867–68

Rejected:

By 20 yeas to 80 nays (Vote No. 110), Craig Amendment No. 2316, to condition United States ratification of the protocols on specific statutory authorization for the continued deployment of United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the NATO mission. Pages S3810–17, S3840, S3843

By 17 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 111), Moynihan/Warner Amendment No. 2321, to express a condition regarding deferral of ratification of NATO enlargement until admission of Poland, Hungary, and Czech Republic to the European Union. Pages S3817–26, S3843–44

By 41 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 112), Warner/Moynihan Amendment No. 2322, to provide for a three-year pause in further NATO expansion after admission of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. Pages S3826–44

By 16 yeas to 84 nays (Vote No. 113), Conrad/Bingaman Amendment No. 2320, to express the sense of the Senate regarding discussions with Russia on tactical nuclear weapons, increased transparency

about tactical nuclear weapons, data exchange, increased warhead security, and facilitation of weapons dismantlement. **Pages S3810, S3851–54, S3860**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2318, to require a Presidential certification that NATO is and will remain a defensive military alliance. (By 82 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 23 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 115), Bingaman Amendment No. 2324, to require a certification of United States policy not to support further enlargement of NATO (other than Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic) until revision of the Strategic Concept of NATO is completed.

Pages S3854–56, S3862–63

By 16 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 116), Smith (of New Hampshire) Amendment No. 2328, to condition United States ratification of the protocols on specific legislative action for the continued deployment of United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the NATO mission.

Pages S3899–S3902, S3904

Withdrawn:

Harkin Amendment No. 2326, to urge the examination of the compatibility of certain programs involving nuclear weapons cooperation with the obligations of the United States and other NATO members under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. **Pages S3863–66**

Inhofe Amendment No. 2325, to require the President to submit the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to the Senate for its consideration under the Treaty Power of the Constitution. **Pages S3902–03**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Conference Report: By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 118), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3907–13**

Job Training Partnership Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1186, to provide for education and training, on Friday, May 1, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report concerning the Australia Group and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of

Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–118).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring October 3, 2000.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of Chief, Army Reserve, United States Army.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. **Pages S3914, S3960–61**

Messages From the President: **Page S3917**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—118)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 11:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3960.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role that transportation plays in allowing U.S. producers to retain their position in global food and agricultural markets, after receiving testimony from Representative Nick Smith; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; John Bratton, Central Soya Company, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, on behalf of the National