

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2441–S2464

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 567–571. Page S2455

Education Flexibility Partnership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, taking action on the following amendments/motions: Pages S2459–64

Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S2459–64

Bingaman Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program. Page S2459

Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 35), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Page S2459

Gramm (for Allard) Amendment No. 40 (to the language in the bill proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 31), to prohibit implementation of “Know Your Customer” regulations by the Federal banking agencies. Page S2459

Jeffords Amendment No. 55 (to Amendment No. 40), to require local educational agencies to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Page S2459

Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment: Kennedy (for Murray/Kennedy) Amendment No. 56, to reduce class size. Page S2459

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 58 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), to provide all local educational agencies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Page S2459

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 59 (to Amendment No. 58), to provide all local educational agen-

cies with the option to use the funds received under section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 1999, for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Page S2459

During consideration of this bill today, the Senate took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 35), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute. Page S2464

A second motion was entered to close further debate on Lott (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Thursday, March 11, 1999. Page S2464

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the Kennedy/Daschle motion to recommit, with instructions (listed above), to occur at 1 p.m., and immediately following that vote, if not invoked, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on Kennedy (for Jeffords) Modified Amendment No. 37 (listed above). Pages S2459–60

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

Transmitting the report of the 1999 Trade Policy Agenda and 1998 annual report on the Trade Agreements Program; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–13). Page S2453

Transmitting the report of the National Endowment for the Arts for calendar year 1997; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–14). Pages S2453–54

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—35)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:14 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, March 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2459.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; and Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, Chief of Engineers, and Maj. Gen. Russell L. Fuhrman, Director of Civil Works, all of the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

U.S.-AFGHANISTAN POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on United States policy toward Afghanistan, focusing on security, refugees, and women, receiving testimony from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Julia V. Taft, Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration Affairs, both of the Department of State; Zohra Rasekh, and Holly Burkhalter, both of Physicians for Human Rights, Boston, Massachusetts; and Mavis Leno, Feminist Majority Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S. TERRORISM POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on United States Government policies and programs to combat terrorism from Richard A. Clark, Special Assistant to the President and National Coordinator for Security, Infrastructure Protection and Counterterrorism, National Security Council.

Also, committee concluded hearings to examine United States Government policies and programs to combat terrorism, after receiving testimony from

John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded oversight hearings on International Monetary Fund reform issues, focusing on transparency and accountability, effectiveness, market-based terms for financial support, the Treasury task force, and policy and program design in Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, and Thailand, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; and Patrick A. Mulloy, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Market Access and Compliance; and Catherine L. Mann, Institute for International Economics, Gerald P. O'Driscoll, Jr., Heritage Foundation, Ian Vasquez, Cato Institute, and Willard A. Workman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.

POST ELECTION CAMBODIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings on issues relating to post election Cambodia, including national reconciliation, democratic development, rival political parties, Khmer Rouge accountability, and U.S. consultation and aid policy, after receiving testimony from Ralph L. Boyce, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Sichan Siv, International Republican Institute, and Andrew Wells, Asia Pacific Center for Justice and Peace, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S.-IRAQ POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings on the United States' policy toward Iraq, receiving testimony from Beth Jones, Principal Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

DECEPTIVE MAILINGS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings to examine the nature and impact of sweepstakes run by certain major companies, focusing on their increasingly deceptive and aggressive marketing techniques, receiving testimony from Naomi Bernstein, American Family Enterprises, Tampa, Florida; Deborah J. Holland, Publishers Clearing House, Port Washington, New York; Elizabeth Valk Long, Time, Inc., New York, New York; and Peter Davenport, Reader's Digest Association Inc., Marion, Ohio.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

INTERSTATE ALCOHOL SALES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine issues relating to interstate alcohol sales, including labeling, quality control standards, consumer fraud, and access of alcohol by minors, as well