

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.  
The House agreed to H. Res. 130, expressing support for the U.S. Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3159–S3308*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 693–712, and S. Res. 74. Page S3246

**Measures Passed:**

**National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 53, to designate March 24, 1999, as "National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day", and the resolution was then agreed. Pages S3180–82

**Chapter 12 U.S.C. Extension:** Senate passed H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3299

**Small Business Authorization:** Senate passed H.R. 774, to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S3299–S3300

**Smithsonian Board of Regents Appointment:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 26, providing for the reappointment of Barber B. Conable, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3300

**Smithsonian Board of Regents Appointment:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 27, providing for the reappointment of Dr. Hanna H. Gray as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3300

**Smithsonian Board of Regents Appointment:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 28, providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, clearing the measure for the President. Page S3300

**Support for Armed Forces in Yugoslavia:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 74, expressing the support of the Senate for the members of the United States Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Page S3300

**Congressional Budget:** Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S3161–80, S3182–S3240, S3301–08

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 58), Abraham Amendment No. 143, to express the sense of Congress on the protection of Social Security surpluses for current and future beneficiaries. Pages S3177–80 S3182–86, S3195

Smith (of Oregon)/Sarbanes Amendment No. 152, to express the sense of the Senate on providing adequate funding for United States international leadership. Pages S3218–20

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 60), Ashcroft Amendment No. 145, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should not directly invest the social security trust funds in private financial markets. Pages S3197–99, S3225

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 63), Johnson Amendment No. 153, to increase funding in fiscal year 2000 for veterans health care by taking

an across-the-board cut in all discretionary programs, except for veterans and defense.

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Collins Amendment No. 159, to express the sense of the Senate on Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) funding and the States.

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Rejected:

Bond Amendment No. 151, in the nature of a substitute. (By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3214–18, S3226

Pending:

Specter/Harkin Amendment No. 157, to provide for funding of biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health.

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Craig Amendment No. 146, to modify the pay-as-you-go requirement of the budget process to require that direct spending increases be offset only with direct spending decreases.

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Dodd Amendment No. 160, to increase the mandatory spending in the Child Care and Development Block Grant by \$7.5 billion over five years, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut and leaves adequate room in the revenue instructions for targeted tax cuts that help families with the costs of caring for their children, and that such relief would assist all working families with employment related child care expenses, as well as families in which one parent stays home to care for an infant.

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Voinovich Amendment No. 161, to use on-budget surplus to repay the debt instead of tax cuts.

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Reed Amendment No. 162, to provide for certain Federal revenues, total new budget authority, and total budget outlays.

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Crapo/Grams Amendment No. 163, to create a reserve fund to lock in additional non-Social Security surplus in the outyears for tax relief and/or debt reduction.

Pages S3238–40

Graham Amendment No. 164, to express the sense of the Senate that funds recovered from any Federal tobacco-related litigation should be set-aside for the purpose of first strengthening the medicare trust fund and second to fund a medicare prescription drug benefit.

Pages S3301–03

Graham Amendment No. 165, to express the sense of the Senate that the Congress and the President should offset inappropriate emergency funding from fiscal year 1999 in fiscal year 1999.

Pages S3303–05

Lautenberg Amendment No. 166, to express the sense of the Senate on saving Social Security and Medicare, reducing the public debt, and targeting tax relief to middle-income working families.

Pages S3305–06

Lautenberg (for Schumer) Amendment No. 167, to express the sense of the Senate that the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program should be reauthorized in order to provide continued Federal funding for the hiring, deployment, and retention of community law enforcement officers.

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Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 168, to express the sense of the Senate regarding school construction grants, and reducing school sizes and class sizes.

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Lautenberg (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 169, to express the sense of the Senate on the social promotion of elementary and secondary school students.

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Lautenberg (for Reid) Amendment No. 170, to express the sense of the Senate regarding social security "notch babies", those individuals born between the years 1917 and 1926.

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 171, to ensure that the President's after school initiative is fully funded for fiscal year 2000.

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Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 172, to fully fund the Class Size Initiative, the amendment reduces the resolution's tax cut by ten billion dollars, leaving adequate room in the revenue reconciliation instructions for targeted tax cuts that help those in need and tax breaks for communities to modernize and rebuild crumbling schools.

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Lautenberg (for Murray) Amendment No. 173, to express the sense of the Senate on women and Social Security reform.

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Lautenberg (for Hollings) Amendment No. 174, to continue Federal spending at the current services baseline levels and pay down the Federal debt.

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Lautenberg (for Boxer) Amendment No. 175, to ensure that the substantial majority of any income tax cuts go to middle and lower income taxpayers.

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

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the consideration of the following amendments:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 59), Lautenberg Amendment No. 144, to ensure that Congress saves Social Security and strengthens Medicare before using projected budget surpluses for new spending or tax breaks.

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By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 61), Conrad Amendment No. 147, to use any Federal budget surplus to save Social Security and Medicare first.

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Subsequently, a point of order that the amendments were in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendments thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the budget resolution and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, March 25, 1999.

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A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the budget resolution on Thursday, March 25, 1999, there be 10 hours remaining.

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**Executive Reports of Committees:** Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the Convention on Nuclear Safety done at Vienna on September 20, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 104-6). (Exec. Rept. No. 106-1)

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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

Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period:

Mary A. Ryan, of Texas.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William Haskell Alsup, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

J. Rich Leonard, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Carlos Murguia, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

Marsha J. Pechman, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—63). Pages S3195-96, S3225-26

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:24 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 25, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page 3301.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice.

### APPROPRIATIONS—SECRETARY OF THE SENATE/SERGEANT AT ARMS/CBO

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Gary Sisco, Secretary of the Senate; James W. Ziglar, Senate Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper; and Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Airland concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army modernization, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; and Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, USARNG, Director, Army National Guard.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation