

Thursday, April 29, 1999

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported five sundry measures, including Emergency Kosovo Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4405–S4476*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 909–930, S.J. Res. 23, and S. Res. 90. **Pages S4432–33**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 22, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives serving as law enforcement officers.

S. Res. 29, to designate the week of May 2, 1999, as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week”.

S. Res. 33, designating May 1999 as “National Military Appreciation Month”.

S. Res. 72, designating the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as “National ALS Awareness Month”.

S. 39, to provide a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above the call of duty.

S. 322, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 704, to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S.J. Res. 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. **Page S4431**

### Measures Passed:

**Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 22, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives serving as law enforcement officers. **Page S4473**

**National Correctional Officers and Employees Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 29, to designate the week of May 2, 1999, as “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week”. **Pages S4473–74**

**National ALS Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 72, designating the month of May in 1999 and 2000 as “National ALS Awareness Month”. **Page S4474**

**Y2K Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year’s date, taking action on the following amendments: **Pages S4404–17**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 267, in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 268 (to Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 268), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 270 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 270), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with instructions and report back forthwith.

Lott Amendment No. 294 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 294), in the nature of a substitute.

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

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 95), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to

close further debate on Amendment No. 267 (listed above). Pages S4405–13

**Budget Process Reform:** Senate continued consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Page S4417

Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 254, to preserve and protect the surpluses of the social security trust funds by reaffirming the exclusion of receipts and disbursement from the budget, by setting a limit on the debt held by the public, and by amending the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide a process to reduce the limit on the debt held by the public. Page S4417

Abraham Amendment No. 255 (to Amendment No. 254), in the nature of a substitute. Page S4417

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with instructions and report back forthwith. Page S4417

Lott Amendment No. 296 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), to provide for Social Security surplus preservation and debt reduction. Page S4417

Lott Amendment No. 297 (to Amendment No. 296), in the nature of a substitute. Page S4417

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of Amendment No. 255, on Friday, April 30, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 255 to occur at 10 a.m. Page S4423

**National Military Appreciation Month Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Res. 33, designating May 1999 as "National Military Appreciation Month", on Friday, April 30, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S4423

#### Appointment:

**Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce:** The Chair announced on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, the appointment of Delna Jones of Oregon, Representative of Local Government, as a member of the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce, vice James Barksdale. Pages S4472–73

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

David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury. (New Position)

Lawrence J. Delaney, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Brian E. Sheridan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—95) Page S4413

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, April 30, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4475.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—AID

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and George T. Frampton, Jr., Acting Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on the Armed Services:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Brian E. Sheridan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, Lawrence J. Delaney, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and 2,273 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Air Force.