

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2087–2088. **Page S741**

Affordable Education Act: Senate began consideration of S. 1134, 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. **Pages S716–36**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, February 24, 2000.

Appointments:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106–79, appointed Senators Inouye and Reed to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission. **Page S751**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas M. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

Michelle Andrews Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 24, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S751.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WATER QUALITY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on water quality as it pertains to agriculture and forestry, and related provisions of S. 2041, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt discharges from certain silvicultural activities from permit requirements of the national pollutant discharge elimination system, focusing on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations with regard to the Total Maximum Daily Load program and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; Carol Browner, Administrator, and J. Charles Fox, Associate Administrator for Reinvention, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Dan Glickman, Secretary, Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, and James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, all of the Department of Agriculture; James A. Kraft, Plum Creek Timber Company, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the American Forest and Paper Association; Paul Johnson, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines; Roberta H. Savage, Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, Washington, D.C.; Robert W. Adler, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; and John Barrett, Edroy, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Coastal Coordination Council and the Management Committee of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

KOSOVO

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded closed hearings to examine the situation in Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Vice Adm. Scott A. Fry, USN, Director, Operations Directorate, and Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, Intelligence Directorate, both of the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AMTRAK

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded oversight hearings on the financial outlook of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), focusing on the findings of the Amtrak Reform Council report, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the Amtrak Reform Board; Gilbert E. Carmichael, Amtrak Reform Council, and William W. Millar, American Public Transportation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Catherine L. Ross, Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, Atlanta.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange;

H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah; and

S. 1936, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, Committee completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget

for fiscal year 2001, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management held oversight hearings on the progress on revisions of the White River National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, focusing on biological diversity, recreation, travel management, roadless area, management, special areas, and timber harvest, receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Lyle Laverly, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Randy Parsons, White River Forest Alliance, and Beverly Compton, Aspen Wilderness Workshop, both of Carbondale, Colorado; John Swartout, Colorado Governor's Policy and Initiatives Office, and Jerry Abboud, Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition, both of Denver; Stan Broome, Club 20, Grand Junction, Colorado; Tom C. Stone, Eagle County Board of Commissioners, Eagle County, Colorado; Gary J. Severson, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Silverthorne; Andy Daly, Vail Resorts, Inc., Vail, Colorado; Vera Smith, Colorado Mountain Club, Golden; and Dorothea Farris, Pitkin County Commission, Aspen, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

CHINA WTO ACCESSION

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on the U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Agreement on China's accession to the World Trade Organization, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative; Steve Van Andel, Amway Corporation, Ada, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; William D. Ellis, Southern Mills, Inc., Union City, Georgia, on behalf of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute; Christopher B. Galvin, Motorola, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois; and Jeffrey M. Swain, Townsends, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, on behalf of the National Chicken Council and the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S. 1673, to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence, receiving testimony from Representative Graham; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; Gerard V. Bradley, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; Ronald H. Weich, Zuckerman, Spaeder, Goldstein, Taylor and Kolker, and Juley A. Fulcher, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, both of Washington, D.C.; Lt. Col. Michael J. Davidson, USA, Army Judge Advocate, Third U.S. Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia; Shiwona Pace, Little Rock, Arkansas; William Croston, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Joseph P. Daly, Middletown, Ohio.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INDIAN PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for Indian programs, focusing on health care, housing, education, government, and law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian

Affairs; Michel E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Jacqueline Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs; Michael Cohen, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Jonathan M. Orszag, Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Policy and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; Mark C. Van Norman, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Susan Masten, National Congress of American Indians, and Christopher D. Boesen, National American Indian Housing Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Julia Davis, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, Oregon; John W. Cheek, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Eddie F. Brown, Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, Missouri.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in Session. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29 for morning-hour debates.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings**CYBER-THREATS AND THE U.S. ECONOMY**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the threat of cyber-terrorism and hackers to both the United States high-tech infrastructure and private sector, after receiving testimony from Vinton G. Cerf, MCI WorldCom, Ashburn, Virginia, on behalf of the Information Technology Association of America; Roger C. Molander, RAND, and Daniel T. Kuehl, National Defense University School of Information Warfare and Strategy, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen E. Cross, Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute, Pitts-

burgh, Pennsylvania; Fred Cohen, Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore, California; and Mark Graff, Sun Microsystems, Palo Alto, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on safety initiatives, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 for foreign assistance to Colombia, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine national security implications of export controls, and on