

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S1833–S1924

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2310–2327, and S. Con. Res. 100. **Pages S1883–84**

#### Measure Rejected:

**Flag Protection Constitutional Amendment:** By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 48), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to pass 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. **Pages S1833–43, S1857–74**

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

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on S.J. Res. 14 (listed above). **Page S1839**

**Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act:** Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Senators McCain, Burns, Stevens, Gorton, Hutchison, Abraham, Hollings, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, and Wyden; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs for items within their jurisdiction: Senators Gramm, Bennett, and Sarbanes; and from the Committee on the Judiciary for items within their jurisdiction: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy.

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**Satellite Loan Guarantees Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2097, to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television

broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, on Thursday, March 30, 2000. **Page S1924**

**Gas Tax Repeal Act Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2285, instituting a Federal fuels tax holiday, occur no later than 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2000.

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

Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

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**Messages From the House:** **Page S1881**

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**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S1881**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1876–81**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—48) **Pages S1839, S1874**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1924.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS—AIR FORCE

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs, after receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Secretary, and Gen.