

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2269–S2382

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2368–2380, and S.J. Res. 44. **Page S2347**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

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. (S. Rept. No. 106–256) **Page S2345**

Congressional Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 101, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2270–S2339**

Adopted:

By 65 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 57), Byrd/Warner Amendment No. 2943, to express the sense of the Senate on the continued use of Federal fuel taxes for the construction and rehabilitation of our nation's highways, bridges, and transit systems. **Pages S2270, S2273–75**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 60), Gramm Amendment No. 2973 (to Amendment No. 2953), to express the sense of the Senate with regard to the elimination of the internal combustion engine. **Pages S2278–86, S2295**

Durbin Amendment No. 2953, to provide for debt reduction and to protect the Social Security Trust Fund. **Pages S2270–73, S2277–86, S2295**

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 61), McCain Amendment No. 2988, to establish a special subsistence allowance for certain members of the uniformed services who are eligible to receive food stamp assistance. **Pages S2286–90, S2295–96**

Gorton (for Kohl) Amendment No. 2942, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the establishment of a national background check system for long-term care workers. **Page S2319**

Gorton (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3011, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the price of prescription drugs. **Pages S2319–20**

Stevens Modified Amendment No. 2931, to strike certain provisions relating to emergency designation spending point of order. **Pages S2270, S2296, S2318, S2322–32**

Bond Amendment No. 2913, to express the sense of the Senate against the Federal funding of smoke shops (discount tobacco stores). (By 19 yeas to 81 nays (Vote No. 63), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S2333–34**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 64), Reed Amendment No. 2964, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to reduce gun violence in America. **Pages S2334–35**

Rejected:

Roth Amendment No. 2955, to strike the revenue assumption for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) receipts in fiscal year 2005. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2270, S2275–77**

Reid/Durbin Amendment No. 2985 (to Amendment No. 2953), of a perfecting nature. (By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 59), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2285–86, S2294–95**

Robb Amendment No. 2965, to reduce revenue cuts by \$5.9 billion over the next five years to help fund school modernization projects. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2270, S2296–S2333**

Subsequently, Coverdell Amendment No. 3010 (to Amendment No. 2965), in the nature of a substitute, and Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 3013 (to Amendment No. 2965), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to reduce gun violence in America, fell when Amendment No. 2965 (listed above) was tabled. **Pages S2297–S2318**

Withdrawn:

Stevens Amendment No. 3009, to modify provision relating to advance appropriations point of order and to strike language relating to delayed obligations. **Page S2331**

Stevens Amendment No. 2932, to strike certain provisions relating to Congressional firewall for defense and non-defense spending. **Pages S2270, S2331**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution on Friday, April 7, 2000, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with votes to occur thereon.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1998 of the National Endowment for the Arts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM-100)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for the remainder of the term expiring October 13, 2000.

Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration for a term expiring October 13, 2006. (Reappointment)

Kent J. Dawson, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—64) Pages S2274, S2277, S2295-96, S2333-35

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:43 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, April 7, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2382.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF STATE-INSPECTED MEAT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues relating to the interstate shipment of State-inspected meat and poultry, and S. 1988, to reform the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, after receiving testimony from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Fred L. Dailey, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Michael Eickman, Eickman's Processing Co., Inc., Seward, Illinois, on behalf of the American Association of Meat Processors and the Illinois Association of Meat Processors; Jolene Heikens, Triple T Country Meats, Wellsburg, Iowa, on behalf of the American Association of Meat Processors and the Iowa Meat Processors Association; Harry Pearson, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, Indianapolis, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Richard T. Nielson, Utah Cattlemen's Association, Salt Lake City, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Carol Tucker Foreman, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; and J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Treasury's international programs, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, after receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings