

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2817–S2888

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2455–2462, and S. Res. 294–296. **Page S2865**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Thursday, April 20, during the adjournment:

H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 271, regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, and with an amended preamble.

Reported today:

S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominantly by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–275) **Page S2865**

Victims Rights: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 3, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

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

By 82 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 86), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above). **Pages S2835–36**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3 (listed above), on Wednesday, April 26, 2000.

Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act—Cloture Vote—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that upon adoption of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3, Victim's Rights, the Senate vote on the motion to close further debate on Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090 to H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Mark D. Gearan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of two years. (New Position)

Linda B. Riegle, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada vice Johnnie B. Rawlinson, elevated.

Laura Taylor Swain, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York vice Thomas P. Griesa, retired.

Daniel G. Webber, Jr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Jose Antonio Perez, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Central District of California for the term of four years vice Michael R. Ramon, resigned.

Russell John Qualliotine, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S2880–88**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Thomas P. Furey, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, which was sent to the Senate on March 2, 2000. **Page S2888**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—86) **Page S2836**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2877.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Army, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary, and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff, both of the Department of the Army.

FEDERAL MASS TRANSIT GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine issues relating to the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) transit grant program, focusing on the Department of Labor’s process for issuing certifications for grant applications, the length of the process, and its potential to delay or change mass transit projects, after receiving testimony from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Bernard E. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment Standards Administration;

Nuria I. Fernandez, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; James La Sala, Amalgamated Transit Union, and Charles Moneypenny, Transport Workers Union of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Roger Snoble, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority, Dallas, Texas; Lee G. Gibson, Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County, Nevada, Las Vegas; and James Stoetzel, Transit Safety Management, Boston, Massachusetts.

ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on S. 2239, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Leslie James, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, Tempe, Arizona; Greg Walcher, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; L. Randy Kirkpatrick, San Juan Water Commission, Farmington, New Mexico; Tom Pitts, Water Consult, Loveland, Colorado, on behalf of the Colorado Water Congress, Utah Water Users Association, and Wyoming Water Development Association; and Daniel F. Luecke, Environmental Defense, Boulder, Colorado.

U.S. EAST ASIA AID PROGRAMS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine issues relating to U.S. aid programs and priorities in East Asia, focusing on how USAID is promoting U.S. national and foreign policy interests, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Randolph, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 2260 and S. 1272, bills to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, after receiving testimony from Senators Nickles, Wyden, and Gordon Smith; Eric Chevlen, St. Elizabeth Medical Center Cancer Care Center, Youngstown, Ohio; Arthur L. Caplan, University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics, Philadelphia; Rabbi J. David Bleich, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Kathleen M. Foley, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York; and Walter R. Hunter, VistaCare Hospice, Scottsdale, Arizona.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D344)

H.R. 1374, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 680 U.S. Highway 130 in Hamilton, New Jersey, as the "John K. Rafferty Hamilton Post Office Building". Signed April 13, 2000. (P.L. 106-183)

H.R. 3189, to designate the United States post office located at 14071 Peyton Drive in Chino Hills, California, as the "Joseph Iletto Post Office". Signed April 14, 2000. (P.L. 106-184)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 26 through April 29, 2000

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3, Victim's Rights. Upon adoption of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 3, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on Lott (for Roth) Amendment No. 3090 to H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 27, to hold hearings on the nomination of Michael V. Dunn, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration; and on proposed legislation on agriculture concentration of ownership and competitive issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: April 26, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on stem cell research, 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: April 26, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing fund for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years De-

fense Program, focusing on acquisition reform efforts, the acquisition workforce, logistics contracting and inventory management practices, and the Defense Industrial Base, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 26, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on competition and transparency in the financial marketplace of the future, 10 a.m., SD-538.

April 27, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold oversight hearings on the International Monetary Fund and International Financial Institutions, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 2273, to establish the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area; and S. 2048, to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

April 27, Full Committee, to resume hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 27, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1438, to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia; S. 1921, to authorize the placement within the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of a plaque to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service; S. 2231, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech;

S. 2343, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for the purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program; S. 2352, to designate portions of the Wekiva River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 3201, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Carter G. Woodson Home in the District of Columbia as a National Historic Site, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 26, Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to review priorities in broadcasting, 3 p.m., SD-419.

April 27, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings on lessons of NAFTA for U.S. relations with the Americas, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 26, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with medical records privacy, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 27, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings to examine OSHA's interference with state workers' compensation, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 26, to hold hearings proposed legislation providing for Indian education, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 27, closed business meeting to markup proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence related programs, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 27, business meeting to consider H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia; S. 1854, to reform the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976; and S. 2089, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to modify procedures relating to orders for surveillance and searches for foreign intelligence purposes, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: April 26, to hold hearings on citizen participation in the political process, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

House Chamber

The House is not in session. It will next meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m.

House Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2

Senate Chamber

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Also, Senate expects to consider the veto message to accompany S. 1287, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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