

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The Association of Former Members of Congress presented the Distinguished Service Award to the former House Chaplain, James David Ford.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures, including a measure to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4031–S4119

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2573–2585. **Page S4103**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal year 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–296)

S. 345, to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful. (S. Rept. No. 106–297) **Page S4102**

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 2521, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4031, S4037–96**

Adopted:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 103), Lott Amendment No. 3150, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the enforcement of Federal firearms laws, and the juvenile crime conference. **Pages S4032, S4037–66**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 104), Daschle Amendment No. 3148, to express the sense of the Senate with regard to the Million Mom March and gun safety legislation. **Pages S4032, S4037–67**

Pending:

Levin Amendment No. 3154, to strike certain provisions which require ground troops be withdrawn from Kosovo by a fixed date. **Pages S4071–96**

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

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 102), Senate failed to uphold a ruling of the Chair with respect to a point of order against Lott Amendment No. 3150 (listed above). **Pages S4063–65**

By prior unanimous consent, the point of order was withdrawn. **Pages S4063–65**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, May 18, 2000, with a vote on the pending Levin Amendment No. 3154 (listed above), to occur at 2:30 p.m. Further, that the bill be advanced to third reading, the Senate then proceed to H.R. 4425 (House companion measure), that all after the enacting clause be stricken, the text of S. 2521 as amended be inserted in lieu thereof, with a vote to occur on final passage of the House bill. The Senate then insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and S. 2521 be indefinitely postponed. **Pages S4063–65**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Levin Amendment No. 3154 (listed above) on Thursday, May 18, 2000. **Page S4063–65**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-105) **Page S4099**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 25 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. **Pages S4118-19**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Roger W. Kallock, of Ohio, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness.

Robert Mays Lyford, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Navy. **Page S4119**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—104) **Pages S4065-67**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:06 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 18, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4119.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine global warming issues, focusing on science and technology programs, including the U.S. Global Change Research Program, receiving testimony from Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; Jerry D. Mahlman, Director, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Raymond S. Bradley, University of Massachusetts Department of Geosciences, Amherst; John R. Christy, University of Alabama Earth System Science Center, Huntsville; Kevin E. Trenberth, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado; and Robert T. Watson, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met and began markup of S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, May 24.

MONTANA FLATHEAD IRRIGATION PROJECT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded oversight hearings on the operation, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, of the Flathead Irrigation Project in Montana, after receiving testimony from Sharon Blackwell, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Jon Metropoulos, Flathead Joint Board of Control, St. Ignatius, Montana; and D. Fred Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana.

CLEAN AIR ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Clean Air Act, focusing on an incentive-based