

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 302–321, S.J. Res. 5, S. Res. 19, and S. Con. Res. 9–10.

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**Patent, Copyright, and Trademarks Laws Technical Correction—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2001.

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#### Appointments:

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki):** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senators Hutchison, Brownback, Smith (OR), and Voinovich as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 107th Congress.

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**James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–550, announced the appointment of Steven G. Calabresi of Illinois, and Forrest McDonald of Alabama to serve as members of the James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee.

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**U.S.-China Security Review Commission:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398 and in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed Michael A. Ledeen, of Maryland, Roger W. Robinson, Jr., of Maryland, and Arthur Waldron, of Pennsylvania as members of the United States-China Security Review Commission.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Bill Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Adjournment:** Senate met at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 6:08 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1353.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### MONETARY POLICY REPORT

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the first Monetary Policy Report for 2001, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### BUDGET OUTLOOK AND TAX POLICY

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded hearings to examine the budget outlook and tax policy issues, including the Administration's tax cut proposal, the projected budget surpluses, and the effects of high marginal tax rates, after receiving testimony from Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, and William G. Gale and Gene B. Sperling, both of Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Martin Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Transportation Inspector General's final report on airline customer service, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Robin K. Hunt, Director, Aviation Security and Infrastructure, both of the Department of Transportation; and Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D.C.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joe M. Allbaugh, of Texas, to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Gramm and Hutchison, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**NURSING SHORTAGE**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings to examine the impact of the current nurse staffing shortage on America's health care delivery system, after receiving testimony from Georges C. Benjamin, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Kathryn Hall, Maryland Nurses Association, on behalf of the American Nurses Association and Maryland Colleagues in Caring Project, both of Baltimore; Dianne Anderson, Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls, New York, on behalf of the American Organization of Nurse Executives; Linda C. Hodges, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock; and Brandon Melton, Catholic Health Initiatives, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action*****Bills Introduced:**

46 public bills, H.R. 559–606; 1 private bill, H.R. 607; 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 16–19; H. Con. Res. 23–31, and H. Res. 37–39 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 36, providing for consideration of H.R. 554, to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents (H. Rept. 107–1).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Isakson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Congratulating Prime-Minister-elect Sharon and Reaffirming the Friendship between the United States and Israel:*** H. Res. 34, amended, congratulating the Prime Minister-elect of Israel, Ariel Sharon, calling for an end to violence in the Middle East, and reaffirming the friendship between the Governments of the United States and Israel

(agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 12); and

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***Social Security and Medicare Lockbox Act:*** H.R. 2, amended, to establish a procedure to safeguard the combined surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds (passed by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 13 ). Agreed to amend the title. Earlier, agreed to re-refer the bill to the Committees on the Budget and Rules.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

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**State of the Union Address on Tuesday, February 27:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 28, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, at 9 p.m.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 37, electing Mr. Sanders of Vermont to the Committees on Financial Services and Government Reform.

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**Consideration of Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act on Wednesday, February 14:** Agreed that it be in order on Wednesday, February 14 for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 524, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act of 2001.

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