

Friday, May 3, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4653–S4695*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1728. **Page S4676**

#### Measures Passed:

*Chattahoochee Compact:* Senate passed H.R. 2064, to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chattahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S4685**

*Water Resources Research Authorization:* Senate passed H.R. 1743, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4685–86**

*Trinity River Basin Fish/Wildlife Management Authorization:* Senate passed H.R. 2243, to amend the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984, to extend for three years the availability of moneys for the restoration of fish and wildlife in the Trinity River, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4685–86**

*Water Desalinization Research and Development Act:* Senate passed S. 811, to authorize research into the desalinization and reclamation of water and authorize a program for States, cities, or qualifying agencies desiring to own and operate a water desalinization or reclamation facility to develop such facilities, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4685–88**

*Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge:* Senate passed H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4688–90**

Cohen (for Moynihan/D'Amato) Amendment No. 3957, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. **Pages S4688–90**

*National Correctional Officers and Employees Week:* Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 243, to designate the week of May 5, 1996, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4690**

*White House Travel Office/Former Employees:* Senate began consideration of H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4670–72**

Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 3952, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4670–71**

(2) Dole Amendment No. 3953 (to Amendment No. 3952), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4671**

(3) Dole Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3953), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4671**

(4) Dole motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S4671**

(5) Dole Amendment No. 3955 (to the instructions to the motion to refer), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Pages S4671–72**

(6) Dole Amendment No. 3956 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Page S4672**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at 2:15 p.m. **Page S4672**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill on Monday, May 6, 1996. **Page S4690**

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

Michael Kantor, of California, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the remainder of the term expiring April 13, 1999.

Brooksley Elizabeth Born, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

David D. Spears, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2000. **Page S4695**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S4676–77**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page S4677**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S4677–78**

**Authority for Committees:** **Page S4678**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S4678–85**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:27 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 6, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4690.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for the Department of Veterans Affairs, receiving testimony from Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 8.

### TRANSPORTATION MOTOR FUELS TAX

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on proposals to repeal the 4.3 cents per gallon transportation motor fuels tax as imposed by the Omnibus

Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, receiving testimony from Thomas J. Donahue, American Trucking Associations, Inc., Edwin L. Harper, Association of American Railroads, Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and Susan Perry, American Bus Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Melvin Sherbert, Suitland, Maryland, on behalf of the Service Station Dealers of America.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* On Thursday, May 2, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Walker D. Miller, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Nina Gershon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, W. Craig Broadwater, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Dean D. Pregerson, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Miller was introduced by Senator Brown, Ms. Gershon was introduced by Senators Moynihan and D'Amato, Mr. Sargus was introduced by Senators Glenn and DeWine, Mr. Broadwater was introduced by Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, Ms. Lemmon was introduced by Senators Johnston and Breaux and Representative Tauzin, and Mr. Pregerson was introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein. Testimony was also received on the nomination of Ms. Lemmon from Chief Judge Morey Sear, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.