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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Interior Appropriations, 1998.

The House agreed to H. Res. 168, to implement the recommendations of the bipartisan House Ethics Reform Task Force.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9531–S9700

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S1191–1198. **Pages S9636–37**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code.

S. Res. 122, declaring September 26, 1997, as “Austrian-American Day”.

S. 170, to provide for a process to authorize the use of clone pagers.

S. 493, to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9636**

Measures Passed:

Interior Appropriations, 1998: By 93 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate passed H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S9532–S9627

Adopted:

Stevens/Dodd Amendment No. 1219, to express a sense of the Senate that hearings should be conducted and legislation debated during this Congress that would address Federal funding for the arts.

Pages S9536–37

Committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8, relating to the funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Enzi Modified Amendment No. 1221, to provide for limitations on certain Indian gaming operations.

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Bryan Amendment No. 1222 (to Amendment No. 1221), to express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Justice should enforce provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requiring an approved tribal/state gaming compact. **Page S9561–62**

Gorton (for Bennett/Hatch) Amendment No. 1225, to provide funding for the engineering and design of road in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. **Page S9572**

Gorton (for DeWine) Amendment No. 1226, to require the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts to give priority to funding projects, productions, workshops, or programs that serve underserved populations. **Page S9572**

Gorton (for Graham) Amendment No. 1227, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report identifying at least 20 sites on Federal land that are potentially suitable for Youth Environmental Service program activities. **Pages S9572–73**

Reid/Bryan Amendment No. 1228, regarding the classification of gambling devices by the National Indian Gaming Commission. **Pages S9573–74**

Bingaman/Murkowski Amendment No. 1229, to provide an alternative source of funds for operation of, or acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum products into, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. **Pages S9588–90**

Gorton (for Murray/Gorton/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1230, relating to the use and disposition of Alaska Western Red Cedar. **Page S9590**

McCain/Stevens Amendment No. 1231, to provide for the disposition of oil lease revenue received as a result of the Supreme Court’s decision in *United States of America v. State of Alaska*.

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Gorton (for Smith/Wyden) Amendment No. 1234, to make certain emergency construction Forest Service funds available for reconstruction of the

Oakridge Ranger Station, Willamette National Forest in Oregon. **Page S9596**

Gorton (for McCain) Amendment No. 1235, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report on properties proposed to be acquired or exchanged with funds appropriated from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. **Pages S9596-97**

Gorton (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 1236, to settle certain Miccosukee Indian land takings claims within the State of Florida. **Pages S9597-98**

Gorton (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 1237, to provide support for the Office of Navajo Uranium Workers to establish a diagnostic program for uranium miners and mill workers. **Page S9598**

Gorton (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 1238, to provide funding for the U-505 National Historic Landmark by reprogramming funds previously made available for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. **Page S9598**

Gorton (for Domenici/Kyl) Amendment No. 1239, to ensure an orderly transition to newly implemented guidelines on National Forests in Arizona and New Mexico. **Page S9600**

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1240, to make a technical correction to title 31, United States Code, relating to payments for entitlement land. **Pages S9600-01**

Gorton/Byrd Amendment No. 1241, to reduce certain Fish and Wildlife Service Construction projects, National Forest System recreation and wildlife habitat management programs, and Forest Service Construction, and provide funds for further projects. **Pages S9601-02**

Reid Amendment No. 1242, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada. **Page S9602**

Gorton (for Abraham/Levin/Hatch) Amendment No. 1243, to increase funding for payments in lieu of taxes, and reduce certain Forest System funds. **Page S9602**

Reid (for Bryan/Reid) Amendment No. 1244, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in Clark County, Nevada, to persons who purchased adjacent properties in good faith reliance on land surveys that were subsequently determined to be inaccurate. **Pages S9602-03**

By 81 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 250), Murkowski Amendment No. 1245, to establish conditions for the transfer of rights and interests in the Stampede Mine Site in Alaska to the Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S9603-05**

Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1246, relating to the appointment, compensation and duties of officers and employees of the Presidio Trust. **Page S9605**

Committee amendment beginning on page 46, line 15 through page 47, line 25, striking language relating to advance payments under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. **Page S9605**

Committee amendment beginning on page 115, lines 1 through 22, relating to funds associated with Alaska Native regional corporation health care entities. **Page S9605**

Committee amendment on beginning on page 123, line 9 through page 124, line 20, relating to the use of Bureau of Land Management funds for surface mining. **Page S9605**

Rejected:

By 39 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 246), Hutchison Amendment No. 1186 (to the committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to provide necessary expenses of the National Endowment for the Arts. **Pages S9532-36**

Hutchinson Modified Amendment No. 1196, to authorize the President to implement the recently announced American Heritage Rivers Initiative subject to designation of qualified rivers by Act of Congress. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (vote No. 247), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9532, S9537-53**

By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 248), Kyl Amendment No. 1223, to provide additional funding for law enforcement activities of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reduce gang violence, and to reduce funding for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. **Pages S9563-71**

Withdrawn:

Murkowski/Thomas Amendment No. 1232 (to Amendment No. 1231), to provide for the disposition of certain escrowed oil and gas revenue received as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in the United States of America v. State of Alaska. **Pages S9593-96, S9604-05**

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

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 249), Bumpers/Gregg Amendment No. 1224 (to committee amendment beginning on page 123, line 9 through page 124, line 20), to ensure that Federal taxpayers receive a fair return for the extraction of locatable minerals on public domain land and that abandoned mines are reclaimed, was ruled as being in violation of Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution, and not in order. **Pages S9576-87**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Gorton,

Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Burns, Bennett, Gregg, Campbell, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Hollings, Reid, Dorgan, and Boxer. **Page S9626**

Immigration Authority: Senate passed S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Jeffords (for Hatch/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1247, to provide for waiver of fees for non-immigrants engaged in certain charitable activities.

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FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (The modification incorporated the language of Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute.) **Pages S9632, S9694–97**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 1137 (to Amendment No. 1130), authorizing funds for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2000 to establish within the National Institutes of Health an agency to be known as the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. **Page S9632**

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 could occur on Tuesday, September 23, 1997. **Page S9632**

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998—Additional Conferees: Senators Stevens and Byrd were added as conferees to H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page S9633**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Australia on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105–27).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David A. Lipton, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S9632**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Paul R. Carey, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Laura S. Unger, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Jose Gerado Troncoso, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada.

A routine list in the Coast Guard and Navy.

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

William F. Weld, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Mexico, which was sent to the Senate on July 23, 1997. **Page S9700**

Messages From the House: **Page S9635**

Measures Referred: **Page S9635**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S9635**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S9689–90**

Additional Statements: **Pages S9690–94**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—251)

Pages S9536, S9553, S9571, S9587, S9605, S9626.

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:10 a.m., and adjourned at 11:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9694.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed settlement between State