

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 14 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S5149–S5246*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: 2094–2104. Pages S5217–18

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. Con. Res. 30, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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**Universal Tobacco Settlement Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2420), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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#### Rejected:

Kennedy/Lautenberg Amendment No. 2422 (to Amendment No. 2420), to modify those provisions relating to revenues from payments made by participating tobacco companies. (By 58 yeas to 30 nays, one responding present (Vote No. 144), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S5149–90

Ashcroft Modified Amendment No. 2427 (to Amendment No. 2422), to strike those provisions relating to consumer taxes. (By 72 yeas to 26 nays, one responding present (Vote No. 143), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S5151–88

#### Pending:

Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2433 (to Amendment No. 2420), to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers.

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Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2434 (to Amendment No. 2420), in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and the amendments pending thereto on Thursday, May 21, 1998.

**Child Support Performance and Incentive Act:** Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Moynihan, and Baucus; and from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Senators Jeffords, Coats, and Kennedy.

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

Transmitting the report of disapproval of the District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1998 (S. 1502). (PM–128) Page S5216

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**Measures Referred:** Page S5217

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S5218–37

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S5237–38

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S5238–40

**Authority for Committees:** Page S5240

**Additional Statements:** Pages S5240–44

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—144) Pages S5188–90

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 21, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5245.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Walker, Acting Secretary of the Army; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, Chief of Army Staff.

### OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine issues relating to the funding of osteoporosis prevention, education, and research, after receiving testimony from Representative Morella; Stephen I. Katz, Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Judy A. Black, National Osteoporosis Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Dominic DiMaggio, The Paget Foundation, New York, New York; Susan Burdick, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; and Frederick R. Singer, Santa Monica, California.

### HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings to examine the scope of harmful algal blooms, including pfiesteria, red tide, brown tide, and paralytic shellfish poisoning, including hypoxia, a condition related to harmful algal blooms, that has created a massive "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico, and S. 1480, to authorize funds for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct research, monitoring, education and management activities for the eradication and control of harmful algal blooms, including blooms of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins, after receiving testimony from Terry D. Garcia, Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Donald Scavia, Senior Scientist, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Suzanne E. Schwartz, Acting Director, Oceans and Coastal Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency; Donald Anderson, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts; L. Donelson

Wright, College of William and Mary School of Marine Science/Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, Virginia; Nancy N. Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Chauvin; JoAnn M. Burkholder, North Carolina State University, Raleigh; and Michael Voisin, Motivait Seafoods, Inc., Houma, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Fisheries Institute and the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 1275, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 624, to establish a competitive process for the awarding of concession contracts in units of the National Park System, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### RUSSIAN POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine Russian and domestic policy issues and United States policy toward Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Peter Reddaway, George Washington University, and Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Lauren B. Homer, Law and Liberty Trust, Vienna, Virginia; and Scott M. Blacklin, American Chamber of Commerce, Moscow, Russia.

### UNITED NATIONS BUDGET

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the certification made by the Acting Secretary of State on May 4 regarding the budget of the United Nations, after receiving testimony from Princeton N. Lyman, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

### CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1645, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, after receiving