

Wednesday, July 8, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7621–S7704*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2272–2278 and S. Res. 256. Page S7678

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce. (S. Rept. No. 105–241)

Report to accompany H.R. 1534, Citizens Access to Justice Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–242) Page S7678

#### Measures Passed:

**Technical Corrections:** Senate passed S. 2275, to make technical corrections to the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998. Page S7699

**IRS Reform—Conference Report:** Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service.

Pages S7621–68, S7670–75

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 186), Senate agreed to a motion to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair in not sustaining a point of order against the conference report as exceeding the scope of the conference with respect to capital gains reduction (Title 9). Pages S7660–62

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 187), Senate agreed to a motion to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair in not sustaining a point of order against the conference report as exceeding the scope of the conference with respect to veterans' smoking provisions (Title 9). Pages S7673–75

Senate will vote on adoption of the conference report on Thursday, July 9, 1998.

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** Page S7678

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S7678–82

**Additional Cosponsors:** Pages S7682–83

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S7683–92

**Notices of Hearings:** Pages S7692–93

**Authority for Committees:** Page S7693

**Additional Statements:** Pages S7693–99

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—187) Pages S7662, S7675

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 9, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7700.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

#### DIGITAL TELEVISION

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee held hearings to examine the status of how American broadcasting and cable industries will make the transition to digital high definition television, and the role of Congress and the Federal Government in formulating policies and practices to facilitate a successful transition, receiving testimony from Elizabeth Murphy Burns, Morgan Murphy Stations, Madison, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Association for Maximum Service Television; Joseph J. Collins, Time Warner Cable, Stamford, Connecticut; Brian Lamb, C-SPAN, and Gregory M. Schmidt, LIN Television Corporation, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alan McCollough, Circuit City Stores, Richmond, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### CASPIAN ENERGY RESOURCES

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade

Promotion resumed hearings to examine the implementation of United States policy to support multiple pipelines to bring oil and gas resources to world markets from the Caspian Sea region, receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Stephen R. Sestanovich, Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Martha Brill Olcott, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, both of Washington, D.C.; and Van Z. Krikorian, Armenian Assembly of America, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROLS

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine whether the Department of Commerce commercial satellite export control policy and process toward China is adequate to prevent technology transfers which pose a threat to United States security, after receiving testimony from John D. Holum, Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; and Frank W. Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

### FLAG DESECRATION PROHIBITION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on provisions of S.J. Res. 40, proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (pending on Senate calendar), after receiving testimony from Richard D. Parker, Harvard University Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Clint Bolick, Institute for Justice, Washington, D.C.; Gary G. Wetzel, Oak Creek, Wisconsin; Sean C. Stephenson, LaGrange, Illinois; John Schneider, Westlake Village, California; Tommy Lasorda, Los Angeles, California; and Marvin C. Stenhammar, Ashville, North Carolina.

### HATE CRIMES PREVENTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee held hearings on S. 1529, to enhance Federal enforcement of hate crimes, receiving testimony from Senator Wyden; Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Richard J. Arcara, United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; California State's Attorney for Kern County Edward Jagels, Bakersfield; Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney William C. Sowder, Lubbock, Texas; Lawrence Alan Alexander, University of

San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California; William J. Stunts, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; and Renee Mullins, Lufkin, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### INDIAN LANDS AND TRUST FUNDS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; and Gregg Bourland, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council, Eagle Butte, South Dakota;

H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, after receiving testimony from Richard Milanovich and Benita Potters, both of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and Bonnie Garland Guss, Guss Law Office, all of Palm Springs, California;

S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, after receiving testimony from Andrew Grey, Sr., Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; Vernon Ashley, Pierre, South Dakota; and Donald Loudner, Rapid City, South Dakota; and

S. 1419, to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reserve to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, after receiving testimony from Edward B. Cohen, Deputy Solicitor, Department of the Interior; and Billy Cypress, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Miami.

Testimony was also received on S. 1905, H.R. 700, and S. 391 (all listed above) from Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

### CHINA

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee resumed closed hearings on the investigation of the impacts to United States national security from advanced satellite technology exports to China and Chinese efforts to influence United States policy, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, July 15.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of L. Britt Snider, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Glenn and former Senator Rudman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, July 14 at 12:30 p.m. for morning Hour debate.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D715)

S. 2069, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held in trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment. Signed July 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-188)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services*, to hold hearings to examine United States export control and nonproliferation policy and the role and responsibility of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1333, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965 to allow national park units that cannot charge an entrance or admission fee to retain other fees and charges, S. 2129, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, S. 2232, to establish the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in Arkansas, and S. 2106 and H.R. 2283, bills to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, to hold hearings on S. 1222, Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act, S. 1321, National Estuary Conservation Act, and H.R. 2207, Coastal Pollution Reduction Act, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed renewal of normal trade relations with China; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs, James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary for Enforcement, and Elizabeth Bresee, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the adequacy of procedures and systems used by the Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration to oversee the safety of food imported into the United States, focusing on the outbreak of *Cyclospora* associated with fresh raspberries imported into the U.S. from Central America, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Beth Nolan, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

### NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1281-82 in today's record.

#### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Thursday, July 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 14

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 648, Product Liability, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the pending substitute amendment to occur thereon, following which Senate will vote on the conference report on H.R. 2676, IRS Reform.

Senate also expects to consider proposed legislation on anti-agriculture sanctions for India and Pakistan, and consider S. 1882, Higher Education.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.



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