

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.

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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

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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