

Monday, July 13, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8019–S8086

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2292–2295. **Page S8056**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report on Further Revise Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105–247)

S. 1418, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–248) **Page S8056**

Measures Passed:

Criminal History Records: Senate passed S. 2294, to facilitate the exchange of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes, to provide for the decentralized storage of criminal history records, and to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to facilitate the fingerprint checks authorized by that Act. **Pages S8069–73**

Crime Identification Technology Act: Senate passed S. 2022, to provide for the improvement of interstate criminal justice identification, information, communications, and forensics, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8073–82**

Allard (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3126, to facilitate the exchange of criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes, to provide for the decentralized storage of criminal history records, and to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to facilitate the fingerprint checks authorized by that Act. **Pages S8074–78**

Crime Victims With Disabilities Awareness Act: Senate passed S. 1976, to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8082–84**

Federal Property Rights: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2271, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law. **Pages S8022–48**

Also, by 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 197), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S8048–49**

Agriculture Appropriations, 1999: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2159, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Page S8049**

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 2729, to reform and structure 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. **Page S8049**

Motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 2729, listed above. **Page S8049**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of the pending motion on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S8049**

Higher Education—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Enzi, Hutchinson, Collins, Warner, McConnell, Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, and Reed. **Page S8069**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher W.S. Ross, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Coordinator for Counterterrorism.

Karl J. Sandstrom, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—197) Pages S8048–49

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, July 14, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8084.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the developments in United States diplomatic exchanges with the Indian and Pakistani governments, focusing on non-proliferation issues, receiving testimony from Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Robert Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, both of the Department of State.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, Postal Service and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 10:30 a.m., SD-106.

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, to hold hearings on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico, and S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on S. 1515, to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, S. 2111, to establish the conditions under which the Bonneville Power Administration and certain Federal agencies may enter into a memorandum of agreement concerning management of the Columbia/Snake River Basin, and S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on S. 1647, to authorize funds and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, and other pending measures, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine Japan's role in the international trading system, focusing on