

Wednesday, October 14, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 135, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12463-S12605

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2629-2635 and S. Res. 299. Page S12558

Measures Passed:

Food Stamp Coupons: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 1733, to require the Commissioner of Social Security and food stamp State agencies to take certain actions to ensure that food stamp coupons are not issued for deceased individuals, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12464-65

Craig (for Lugar/Harkin) Amendment No. 3822, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S12464-65

Intellectual Property Rights: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 124, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the denial of benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences to developing countries that violate the intellectual property rights of United States persons, particularly those that have not implemented their obligations under the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12466-67

Craig (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3823, making a technical and clarifying correction. Page S12467

Estuary Habitat Restoration Partnership Act: Senate passed S. 1222, to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, after agreeing to a

committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12467-77

Craig (for Baucus/Burns) Amendment No. 3824, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2002 for the National Environmental Waste Technology Testing and Evaluation Center in Butte, Montana. Pages S12471-73

DC Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 4566, to make technical and clarifying amendments to the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12477

National Historic Trail: Senate passed S. 2039, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adestro as a National Historic Trail. Pages S12529-30

National Historic Trail: Senate passed S. 2276, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, after agreeing to committee amendments. Page S12530

Canadian River Project: Senate passed H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas, after agreeing to a committee amendment. Pages S12530-31

Oregon Public Lands Transfer: Senate passed H.R. 4326, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal lands located within or adjacent to the Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal lands in Oregon, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12533

Automobile National Heritage Area Act: Senate passed H.R. 3910, to authorize the Automobile National Heritage Area, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12533

Further Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 135, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1999, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12539**

Haskell Indian Nations University/Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute: Senate passed H.R. 4259, to allow Haskell Indian Nations University and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute each to conduct a demonstration project to test the feasibility and desirability of new personnel management policies and procedures, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12598**

Bullet Resistant Equipment: Senate passed S. 2253, to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase bullet resistant equipment for use by law enforcement departments, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12598–S12600**

Jeffords (for Torricelli/Leahy) Amendment No. 3825, to establish a matching grant program to help State and local jurisdictions purchase video cameras for use in law enforcement vehicles. **Pages S12598–99**

Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, to authorize testimony and representation in *BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg), S.A., et al. v. Abdul Raouf Hasan Khalil, et al.* **Pages S12600–01**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Authorization: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3723, to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12601**

Federal Rewards Leading to Arrest: Senate passed H.R. 4660, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to provide rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of any individual for the commission of an act, or conspiracy to act, of international terrorism, narcotics related offenses, or for serious violations of international humanitarian law relating to the Former Yugoslavia, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S12604**

Jeffords (for Helms/Biden) Amendment No. 3827, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12604**

Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act: Senate passed H.R. 4151, to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12604–05**

Native American Programs Act Amendments: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs

Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12465**

Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12465–66**

National Park Service Concession Management: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1693, to provide for improved management and increased accountability for certain National Park Service programs, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12494–S12502**

Assistive Technology Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12502–11**

Health Professions Education Partnerships Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health professions and disadvantaged health education programs, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12511–29**

Weir Farm National Historic Site: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12531–32**

Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1408, to establish the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12532–33**

International Anti-Bribery Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 2375, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, to strengthen prohibitions on international bribery and other corrupt practices, with the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12601–04**

Jeffords (for D'Amato/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 3826, to strike certain provisions relating to treatment of international organizations providing commercial communication services. **Page S12604**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Treaty Docs. 105-6, 105-11, 105-12, 105-22, 105-23, 105-24, 105-27, 105-34, 105-37, 105-38, 105-40, 105-41, 105-42, 105-44, 105-47, and 105-52: Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties with Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hong Kong, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent & Grenadines. (Exec. Rept. No. 105-22)

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Report to accompany Treaty Docs. 105-10, 105-13, 105-14, 105-15, 105-16, 105-18, 105-19, 105-20, 105-21, 105-30, 105-33, 105-46, and 105-50: Extradition Treaties with Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Cyprus, France, India, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, Zimbabwe, Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent & the Grenadines. (Exec. Rept. No. 105-23)

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Report to accompany Treaty Doc. 105-7: Agreement with Hong Kong on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons. (Exec. Rept. No. 105-24)

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Report to accompany Treaty Doc. 105-17: WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) (1996) and WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) (1996). (Exec. Rept. No. 105-25)

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of an agreement with the Republic of Lithuania concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States; which was referred jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823, to the Committee

on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-162).

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Transmitting the report of an agreement with the Republic of Estonia concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States; which was referred jointly, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1823, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-163).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: John C. Truesdale, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2003.

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Messages From the President: Pages S12546-47

Messages From the House: Page S12547

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S12565-68

Additional Statements: Pages S12568-98

Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 4:43 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, October 15, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12605.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4829-4841; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 135 and H. Res. 597-600, were introduced.

Pages H10916-17

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, amended (H. Rept. 105-819).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Blunt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10835

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Regarding Reserved Mineral Interests: H.R. 3878, to subject certain reserved mineral interests of the operation of the Mineral Leasing Act. Agreed to amend the title;

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Regarding Access for Disabled Persons: H.R. 4501, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the