

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate passed State Department Authorization.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10063-S10138

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1475-1479. **Pages S10117-18**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1329, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106-133)

S. 1330, to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public land in the city. (S. Rept. No. 106-134)
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Measures Passed:

State Department Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 886, Senate companion measure, as passed the Senate on June 22, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Helms, Lugar, Coverdell, Grams, Biden, Sarbanes, and Dodd.
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National Airborne Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 95, designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day".
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Agriculture Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
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Rejected:

Harkin Amendment No. 1506 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers. (By 54 yeas to

44 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Withdrawn:

Lott (for Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 1500 (to Amendment No. 1499), of a perfecting nature. (By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)
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Pending:

Lott (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1499, to provide emergency and income loss assistance to agricultural producers.
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Lott Amendment No. 1501 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to restrict the use of certain funds appropriated to the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Ashcroft Amendment No. 1507 (to Amendment No. 1499), to provide stability in the United States agriculture sector and to promote adequate availability of food and medicine for humanitarian assistance abroad by requiring congressional approval before the imposition of any unilateral agricultural or medical sanction against a foreign country or foreign entity. (By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate failed to table the amendment.)
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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Amendment No. 1501 (listed above), and the vote on the motion to close further debate thereon, occur at 9:45 a.m.
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Military Construction Appropriations: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, cleared for the President.
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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jack E. Hightower, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004. (Re-appointment)

Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Robert S. Gelbard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Coordinator of U.S. Assistance for the New Independent States.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Gail S. Tusan, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Richard K. Eaton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Kathryn M. Turman, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime.

Routine lists in the Army and Air Force.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—251) Pages S10100, S10102, S10114

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, August 4, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10137.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. FARM ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on the market and financial performance of the United States agricultural sector, receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and J. B. Penn, Sparks Companies, Inc., McLean, Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Blanchard was introduced by Senator McCain.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1214, to ensure the liberties of the people by promoting federalism, to protect the reserved powers of the States, to impose accountability for Federal preemption of State and local laws, with amendments;

S. 1232, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code;

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 457 and S. 1334, to amend chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor; and

The nomination of Earl E. Devaney, of Massachusetts, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE COMPENSATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 964, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, receiving testimony from Senators Daschle and Johnson; Terry Virden, Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Louis Dubray, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Hearings recessed subject to call.