

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10657-S10711

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1571-1573, and S. Res. 180. Page S10694

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

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. (S. Rept. No. 106-154) Page S10694

Measures Passed:

Four Corners Interpretive Center Act: Senate passed S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S10709-10

Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S10658-55

Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 265), Bond (for Lott) Amendment No. 1621, to provide funds to assess the potential hydrologic and biological impact of lead and zinc mining in the Mark Twain National Forest of Southern Missouri. Pages S10658-59

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 266), Robb Amendment No. 1583, to strike section 329, provisions that would overturn recent decisions handed down by the 11th circuit corporation and federal district court in Washington State dealing with national forests. Pages S10659-61

Torricelli Amendment No. 1571, to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to authorize, permit, administer, or promote the use of any jawed leghold trap or neck snare in any unit of the Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge System. (By 64 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Durbin Amendment No. 1591, to require the Bureau of Land Management to establish a schedule for completion of processing of expiring grazing permits and leases. (By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10675-84

Pending:

Gorton Amendment No. 1359, of a technical nature. Page S10658

Hutchison Amendment No. 1603, to prohibit the use of funds for the purpose of issuing a notice of rulemaking with respect to the valuation of crude oil for royalty purposes until September 30, 2000. (By 2 yeas to 96 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate failed to table the amendment.) Pages S10661-65

Transportation Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Pages S10657-58

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

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 264), 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 the consideration of the bill. Pages S10657-58

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines (Treaty Doc. No. 106-8).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. Page S10709

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Lee Aaker, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Edward L. Ayers, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Pedro G. Castillo, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Peggy Whitman Preshaw, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Theodore William Striggles, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
16 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—269)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10710.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of General Henry H. Shelton, USA, for reappointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade of General, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rohde was introduced by Senators Dorgan and Conrad, and Representatives Pickering and Pomeroy.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the protection of religious liberty, focusing on the constitutionality of a religious protection measure, after receiving testimony from Douglas Laycock, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, and Gene C. Schaerr, Sidley and Austin, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jay S. Bybee, University of Nevada William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2820–2838; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183–185 and H. Res. 285–286, were introduced. Pages H8098–99

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1752, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, amended (H. Rept. 106–312). Page H8098

Suspension—Clemency for Terrorists: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agreed to H. Con. Res. 180, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not have granted clemency to terrorists by a yeas and nays vote of 311 yeas to 41 nays with 72 voting "present", Roll No. 398.

Pages H8012–20

H. Res. 281, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution under the suspension of the rules was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 253 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 397.

Pages H8005–12

VA/HUD Appropriations, 2000: The House passed H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 235 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 403. The House completed general debate and considered amendments on September 8.

Pages H8020–65

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back promptly in a form that ensures compliance with the section 302(b) allocation using Congressional Budget Office scorekeeping conventions to avoid sequestration of billions of dollars in discretionary spending in vital Federal programs including the national defense, the National Institutes of Health, veterans medical care, and education and environmental programs, among many others by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 402.

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Agreed to:

The Boehlert amendment that allows national estuary grants subject to the enactment of authorizing legislation;

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The Sanders amendment that specifies that the House supports efforts to implement improvements in health care services for veterans in rural areas;

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The Weygand amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that the executive branch should provide funeral honor details for the funerals of veterans when requested, in accordance with law; and

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The Tancredo amendment that increases the funding for state extended care facilities by \$7 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 366 yeas to 54 noes, Roll No. 401).

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Rejected:

The Smith of Michigan amendment that sought to increase FEMA Fire Administration funding by \$2.5 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 69 yeas to 354 noes, Roll No. 399); and

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The Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to be used to implement or administer the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 yeas to 266 noes, Roll No. 400).

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Withdrawn:

The LaTourette amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to allocate \$67.9 million in NASA funding from the Human Space Flight programs to Science, Aeronautics and Technology programs;

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The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase NASA funding by \$924.6 million;

Pages H8025–28

The Green of Wisconsin amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funding to be used to terminate inpatient services at the Iron Mountain Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Iron Mountain, Michigan or to close that facility;

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The Kelly amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funding to be used to close any Department of Veterans Affairs medical center;

Pages H8046–49

The Kleczka amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funding by the EPA to promulgate final national primary drinking water standards for Radium 226 and 228 under the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

Pages H8049–50

The Ehlers amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase the National Science Foundation funding by \$230 million.

Pages H8051–52

H. Res. 275, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on August 5.

District of Columbia Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2587 making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 208 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 404.

Pages H8066–81

Earlier, agreed that it be in order to consider the conference report; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that H. Res. 282 be laid upon the table.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of September 13.

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Meeting Hour—Monday, September 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13 for morning-hour debates.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, September 15.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8001.

Referrals: S. 1076 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8100.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8012, H8019–20, H8043–44, H8044, H8056, H8064–65, H8065, and H8080–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOW HEALTHY ARE THE GOVERNMENT'S MEDICARE FRAUD FIGHTERS?

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on How Healthy Are The Government's Medicare Fraud Fighters? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Leslie G. Aronovitz, Manager, Chicago Field Office; and Robert Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: George Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Evaluations and Inspection; and Jack Hartwig, Deputy Inspector General, Investigations; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions. Testimony was heard from Ray Bramucci, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Al Collins, Director, Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Jason Turner, Commissioner, Human Resource Administration, New York City; and public witnesses.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Law Enforcement Retirement: Who Qualifies and Why? Testimony was heard from Representatives Bryant, Davis of Virginia, Filner, Mink of Hawaii and Traficant; William E. Flynn, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; Kay Frances Dolan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources, Department of the Treasury; John Vail, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Management, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

FAA AND Y2K

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on The FAA and Y2K: Will Air Travel Be Stopped or Be Significantly Delayed on January 1st and Beyond? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jane Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Ken Mead, Inspector General; and Joel Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO.

IRAN NONPROLIFERATION ACT; TORTURE VICTIMS RELIEF REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1883, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999.

The Committee also favorably considered and amended H.R. 2367, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 1999, and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar.

PAIN RELIEF PROMOTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 2260, Pain Relief Promotion Act of 1999.

Will continue September 14.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 356, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California; H.R. 1753, Gas Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999; H.R. 2086, amended, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act; and H.R. 1883, amended, Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999.

U.S. EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER NETWORK

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on Measuring Improvements in the U.S. Export Assistance Center Network. Testimony was heard from Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Johnnie E. Frazier, Inspector General; and Awilda R. Marquez, Assistant Secretary and Director General, Commercial Service; and Joseph S. Sachs, Director, U.S. Export Assistance Center, Long Beach, California.

HUSH-KITTED AIRCRAFT—EUROPEAN UNION'S EFFORTS TO BAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on European Union's Efforts to Ban Hush-Kitted Aircraft. Testimony was heard from Ambassador David L. Aaron, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; David Marchick, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation Affairs, Department of State; David Traynham, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and International Aviation, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held an oversight hearing on Veterans' Employment Regarding Civilian Credentialing Requirements for Military Job Skills. Testimony was heard from Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Victor Vasquez, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Personnel Support, Families and Education; Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment; Brig. Gen. Kathryn G. Frost, USA, Adjutant General, U.S. Army; Rear Adm. David L. Brewer, III, USN, Vice Chief, Naval Education and Training, U.S. Navy; and Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klump, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; Julius M. Williams, Jr., Director, Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rear Adm. Fred L. Ames, USCG, Assistant Commander, Human Resources, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; a representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INDONESIA AND EAST TIMOR POLITICAL FUTURES

Joint Hearing: Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific to examine the political futures of Indonesia and East Timor, after receiving testimony from Thomas Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Paul Wolfowitz, John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Donald K. Emmerson, Stanford University Asia/Pacific Research Center, Stanford, California; and Sidney Jones, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1999

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Friday, September 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12:30 p.m., Monday, September 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches, Senate will continue to be in a period of morning business.

Also, Senate may consider S.J. Res. 33, deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to FALN terrorists.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: The House is not in session.

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