

Monday, September 13, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10743–S10792

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1577–1580, and S. Res. 182. Page S10779

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 566, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–157) Page S10779

Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate resumed 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 S10754–69, S10771–73

Pending:
Gorton Amendment No. 1359, of a technical nature. Page S10754

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. Pages S10754, S10771–73

Bryan Amendment No. 1588, to make available certain funds, by reducing the subsidy for the below-cost timber program administered by the Forest Service and for the construction of logging roads in national forests, for other Forest Service programs including road maintenance, wildlife and fish habitat management, and for threatened, endangered, and sensitive species habitat management. Pages S10754–69

Bryan/Wyden Amendment No. 1623 (to Amendment No. 1588), to make available certain funds for survey and manage requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision. Pages S10755–67

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

By 55 yeas to 40 nays (Vote 271), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to

close further debate on Hutchison Amendment No. 1603 (listed above). Pages S10771–73

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on or in relation to Bryan/Wyden Amendment No. 1623 (to Amendment No. 1588), to occur on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. Page S10767

FALN Terrorist Clemency—Cloture Vote: By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 270), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 33, deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to the Armed Forces of National Liberation (the FALN) terrorists. Pages S10769–71

Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations—Additional Conferee: Senator Leahy was added as a conferee to H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Page S10786

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

Tax Convention with Slovenia (Treaty Doc. No. 106–9).

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. Pages S10786–87

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

A message from the President of the United States transmitting a report entitled “United States Participation in The United Nations”; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–56). Page S10778

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David N. Hurd, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Naomi Reice Buchwald, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Maryanne Trump Barry, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: John F. Potter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2005.

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

William B. Bader, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—271) Pages S10771, S10773

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10787.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2839–2848, and 1 resolution, H. Res. 287, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2681, to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents (H. Rept. 106–313); and

H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation (H. Rept. 106–314).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Congressional Award Reauthorization: S. 380, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H8103–06

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Jurisdiction Act: H.R. 2112, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions; Pages H8106–09

Lackawanna Valley Heritage Area: H.R. 940, amended, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H8109–12

Fishermen's Protective Act: H.R. 1651, amended, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to extend the period during which reimbursement may be provided to owners of United States fishing vessels for costs incurred when such vessel is seized and detained by a foreign country. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H8113–15