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HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed D.C. Appropriations.

Senate agreed to Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Report.

First session of the 105th Congress adjourned sine die

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12513–S12713

Measures Introduced: Forty-three bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1526–1568, S.J. Res. 39, S. Res. 156–163, and S. Con. Res. 68–70. **Pages S12574–76**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled ''Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998''. (S. Rept. No. 105–155)

S. 569, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–156)

S. 464, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error. (S. Rept. No. 105–157)

S. 999, to specify the frequency of screening mammograms provided to women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 105–158)

S. 1172, for the relief of Sylvester Flis.

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Measures Passed:

Federal Advisory Committee Act: Senate passed H.R. 2977, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to clarify public disclosure requirements that are applicable to the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Public Administration, clearing the measure for the President.

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Sea Grant Program: Senate passed S. 927, to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S12516–19

Lott (for Snowe) Amendment No. 1636, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12516–19**

Certificate of Documentation: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1349, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *PRINCE NOVA*, and the bill was then passed.

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Child Support Obligations: Senate passed S. 1371, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations. **Pages S12667–68**

Waiving Enrollment Requirements: Senate passed H.J. Res. 103, waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to certain specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12675–76**

Authority to Make Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 156, authorizing the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders to make certain appointments after the sine die adjournment of the present session. **Page S12676**

Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 194, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President of the United States. **Page S12676**

Convening of Second Session: Senate passed S.J. Res. 39, to provide for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

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Thanks to the Vice President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 157, tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate. **Page S12676**

Thanks to the President pro tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

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Commending the Democratic Leader: Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic Leader. **Page S12677**

Commending the Majority Leader: Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader. **Page S12677**

Conditional Adjournment: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 68, to adjourn sine die the 1st session of the 105th Congress. **Page S12679**

Homeowners Insurance Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 607, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Lott (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 1637, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12681**

Amending Senate Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, to amend Senate Resolution 48.

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Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact: Senate passed H.J. Res. 95, granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12683**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact: Senate passed H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12683**

No Electronic Theft Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2265, to amend the provisions of titles 17 and 18, United States Code, to provide greater copyright protection by amending criminal copyright infringement provisions, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12689–92**

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1172, for the relief of Sylvester Flis. **Page S12692**

Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. Charter: Senate passed H.R. 3025, to amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12692**

Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

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FAA Research, Engineering, and Development Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Lott (for McCain/Hollings) Amendment No. 1638, to make certain technical corrections.

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John N. Griesemer Post Office Building: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1254, to designate the United States Post Office building located at Bennett and Kansas Avenue in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John N. Griesemer Post Office Building", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12694**

Library of Congress Real Property Acquisition: Senate passed H.R. 2979, to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, clearing the measure for the President.

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Holocaust Survivors Reparations: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors. **Pages S12695–96**

A&M University Black Heritage Center: Senate passed S. 1559, to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University. **Pages S12696–97**

Ocean Act: Senate passed S. 1213, to establish a National Ocean Council, and a Commission on Ocean Policy, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12697–S12704**

Nickles (for Snowe/Hollings) Amendment No. 1639, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12700–04**

Foreign Air Carrier Accidents: Senate passed H.R. 2476, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12704–05**

Pilot Records Improvement: Senate passed H.R. 2626, to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12705–06**

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, to authorize testimony and representation of Senate employees in *United States* v. *Blackley*. **Page S12706**

Victims of Holocaust Restitution: Senate passed S. 1564, to provide redress for inadequate restitution of assets seized by the United States Government during World War II which belonged to victims of the Holocaust. **Pages S12706–07**

Dorothy Day Birth Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, expressing the sense of the Senate on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dorothy Day and designating the week of November 8, 1997, through November 14, 1997, as ''National Week of Recognition for Dorothy Day and Those Whom She Served''. **Pages S12707–10**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 69, to correct the enrollment of the bill S. 830. **Page S12710**

Technical Error Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 70, to correct a technical error in the enrollment of the bill S. 1026. **Page S12710**

Customs Users Fees: Senate passed H.R. 3034, to amend section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, relating to customs user fees, to allow the use of such fees to provide for customs inspectional personnel in connection with the arrival of passengers in Florida, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12711**

Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 1565, to make technical corrections to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act. **Page S12711**

Reimbursement to Army Members: Senate passed H.R. 2796, to authorize the reimbursement of members of the Army deployed to Europe in support of operations in Bosnia for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the members during the period beginning on October 1, 1996, and ending on May 31, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12711**

Criminal and Unlawful Aliens: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12711**

Criminal Use of Guns: Senate passed S. 191, to throttle the criminal use of guns, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12711–12**

Military Personnel Voting Rights: Senate passed S. 1566, to amend the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to protect the voting rights of military personnel. **Page S12713**

Passage Vitiated:

Military Construction Appropriations—Vetoed Provisions: Senate vitiated passage of S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45, and subsequently the bill was indefinitely postponed. **Page S12693**

District of Columbia Appropriations, 1998: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2607, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12514–15**

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1998—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12527–33**

Adoption Promotion Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12668–75**

Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations, 1998—Conference Report: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the conference report on H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, and related agencies for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 1998, the conference report be deemed agreed to, thus clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12662**

Further Continuing Appropriations: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.J. Res. 106, making further continuing appropriations, the resolution be deemed passed. **Page S12668**

Boys and Girls Clubs of America: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 476, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12681–82**

AMTRAK Reform and Accountability Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 738, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, and to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12683–89**

Distribution of Judgment Funds: Senate receded from its amendment No. 61 to H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18–E, 58, 364, and 18–R before the Indian Claims Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12692**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative and executive reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, Tuesday, January 6, 1998, and Friday, January 16, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Page S12677**

Status Quo of Nominations: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all nominations received in the Senate during the 105th Congress, First Session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the sine die adjournment of the Senate, with two exceptions. **Page S12668**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Raymond C. Fisher, of California, to be Associate Attorney General.

Rita D. Hayes, of South Carolina, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gail W. Laster, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Lynn S. Adelman, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Pages S12677–78, S12713**

Messages From the House: **Pages S12572–73**

Measures Referred: **Pages S12573–74**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S12574**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S12574**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S12576–S12614**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12614–16**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12617–28**

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Adjournment Sine Die: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and in accordance with S. Con. Res. 68, adjourned sine die at 7:56 p.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RENEWABLE TRANSPORTATION FUELS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain ways renewable fuels could assist in decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing United States energy security, after receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, former Director of Central Intelligence, and B. Reid Detchon, Biomass Energy Advocates, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1172, for the relief of Sylvester Flis; and

The nominations of Barry G. Silverman, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Carlos R. Moreno, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Richard W. Story, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Christine O. C. Miller, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director for National Drug Control Policy.

Also, committee resumed consideration of the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, but did not complete consideration of, and recessed subject to call.