Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3002–3004, and S. Res. 347. **Page S8019**

Measures Reported:

Reported on Friday, August 25, during the adjournment:

S. 2764, to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for the programs carried out under such Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–365)

S. 522, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–366)

S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits for the Missouri River Basin Pick-Sloan project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–367)

S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–368)

S. 2297, to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984. (S. Rept. No. 106–369)

S. 2878, to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the first national wildlife refuge in the United States on March 14, 1903. (S. Rept. No. 106–370)

S. 134, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–371)

S. 729, to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on federal land. (S. Rept. No. 106–372)

S. 1612, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–373)

S. 1643, to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–374)

S. 1972, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado, the current site of the Joe Rowell Park, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–375)

S. 2051, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–376)

Report to accompany S. 2279, to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park. (S. Rept. No. 106–377)

S. 2300, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any one State. (S. Rept. No. 106–378)

S. 1564, to protect the budget of the Federal courts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–379)

S. 2343, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for the purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–380)

S. 2499, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania. (S. Rept. No.106–381)

S. 1407, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–382)

S. 1594, to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958, with an

amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–383)

S. 1639, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for the National Weather Service and Related Agencies, and for the United States Fire Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–384)

S. 1687, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–385)

S. 2412, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. (S. Rept. No. 106–386)

S. 2438, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–387)

S. 2440, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–388)

S. 1929, to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–389)

S. 2697, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–390)

S. 3001, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees, extend the authorization of appropriations, and improve the administration of that Act, to amend the United States Warehouse Act to authorize the issuance of electronic warehouse receipts. (S. Rept. No. 106–391)

H.R. 468, to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–392)

H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–393)

H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–394)

H.R. 999, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of coastal recreation waters.

Reported on Wednesday, August 30, during the adjournment:

Report to accompany H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–395) **Pages S8018–19**

PNTR (Permanent Normal Trade Relations) FOR CHINA: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Pages S7963–67, S7974–78, S7981–83

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 6, 2000. **Page S8031**

Energy/Water Development Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments purposed thereto: **Pages S7985–91**

Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 4032, to strike certain environmental related provisions. **Pages S7988–89**

Schumer/Collins Amendment No. 4033, to establish a Presidential Energy Commission to explore long- and short-term responses to domestic energy shortages in supply and severe spikes in energy prices. **Page S7989**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and an amendment to be proposed thereto on Wednesday, September 6, 2000.

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to the consent agreement relating to the consideration of S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanisms for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in Federal lands, and reaffirm the positive

connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands, that time allowed for vitiation be extended to no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 7. **Page S8031**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties and protocols:

Treaty with Costa Rica on the Return of Vehicles and Aircraft (Treaty Doc. No. 106–40);

Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement (Treaty Doc. No. 106–41);

Investment Treaty with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. No. 106–42);

Protocol Amending the 1950 Consular Convention with Ireland (Treaty Doc. No. 106-43);

Treaty with Panama on the Return of Vehicles and Aircraft (Treaty Doc. No. 106–44)

The treaties and protocols were 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 were ordered to be printed. **Pages S8030–31**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, reappointed Charles Terrell, of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2000, effective July 28, 2000. **Page S8030**

Amtrak Reform Council: The Chair announced on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–134, his appointment of Nancy Rutledge Connery, of Maine, to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council, vice Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, effective July 28, 2000. **Page S8030**

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–173, announced the appointment of Frank J. Williams, of Rhode Island, to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, effective August 24, 2000. **Page S8030**

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Text of S. 2386, as Previously Passed: **Pages S8028–30**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12:02 p.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8031.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NURSING HOME BANKRUPTCIES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the causes of nursing home bankruptcies, in order to inform future policy decisions, including proposals to raise Medicare payments to skilled nursing facilities, after receiving testimony from Laura A. Dummit, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, and Steven Pelovitz, Director, Survey and Certification Group, Health Care Financing Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; John Ransom, Raymond James and Associates, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida; and Charles H. Roadman, II, American Health Care Association, Washington, D.C.