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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1757, Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act and

The House passed H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act and H.R. 3246, Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2587–S2692

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1864–1872, and S. Res. 200. **Page S2660**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 927, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2660**

Measure Passed:

National Maritime Arbitration Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 200, designating March 26, 1998, as "National Maritime Arbitration Day". **Page S2690**

Measure Rejected:

Mexico Drug Decertification: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 42, to disapprove the certification of the President under section 490(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 regarding foreign assistance for Mexico during the fiscal year 1998 and, by 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 47), the resolution was rejected: **Pages S2636–57**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Senate concluded consideration of S. 1768, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2587–S2631**

Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 2133, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming activities. **Pages S2588–94**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 2136, to clarify that unmarried adult children of Vietnamese reeducation camp internees are eligible for refugee status under the Orderly Departure Program. **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 2137, to make technical corrections to the Michigan Indian Lands Claims Settlement Act to provide certain health care services for Alaska natives. **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 2138, to make technical corrections to the Fiscal Year 1998 Department of Interior Appropriations Act (P.L. 105–83). **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Bond/Stevens) Amendment No. 2139, to make emergency funds available for the purchase of F/A–18 aircraft. **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Chafee) Amendment No. 2140, to modify the Energy and Water Development section of the bill. **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2141, to eliminate secrecy in international financial and trade organizations. **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 2142, to make technical corrections to Economic Development Grant program funded in 1992 as part of the Empowerment Zone Act. **Pages S2594–96**

Stevens (for Craig) Amendment No. 2143, to make technical corrections to Section 405 of the bill regarding Forest Service transportation system moratorium. **Pages S2594–96**

By unanimous consent, Amendment No. 2062, to establish an emergency commission to study the trade deficit, agreed to on March 23, 1998, was modified.

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Stevens (for Cochran/Bumpers) Amendment No. 2144, to make a technical correction in the language of the Livestock Disaster Assistance Program.

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Stevens (for Wellstone/Conrad/Dorgan) Amendment No. 2145, to subsidize the cost of additional farm operating and emergency loans.

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Stevens (for Jeffords/Leahy) Amendment No. 2146, to make funds available for emergency construction to repair the Mackville Dam, Hardwick, Vermont.

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Stevens (for Lott) Amendment No. 2147 (to Amendment No. 2100), to make a technical correction.

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Stevens (for Daschle) Amendment No. 2148, to provide funds for humanitarian demining activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Stevens (for Gregg) Amendment No. 2149, to make a technical correction to the Patent and Trademark section of the bill.

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Stevens (for Levin) Amendment No. 2150 (to Amendment No. 2100), dealing with the consultation by the Secretary of the Treasury with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative regarding prospective IMF borrower countries.

Pages S2594, S2596, S2599-S2600

Stevens (for Grassley/Stevens) Amendment No. 2151, to make funds available for construction of a P3-AEW hangar in Corpus Christie, Texas.

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Stevens (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2152, to provide funds to rectify damages caused by windstorms in Texas.

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Stevens (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2153, to provide additional funds for construction programs of the Department of the Interior to repair damage caused by floods and other natural disasters.

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Stevens (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2154, to provide emergency Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) remediation in schools and other facilities at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

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Robb Amendment No. 2135, to reform agricultural credit programs of the Department of Agriculture.

Pages S2603, S2605

By 84 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 44), McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2100, to provide supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

Pages S2596, S2599-S2607

Stevens (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2156, to allocate certain funds to the State of New Jersey to carry out housing opportunities for persons with AIDS.

Pages S2608-09

Murkowski Amendment No. 2157, to cancel the sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Pages S2610-11

Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2159, to provide assistance to employees of the Farm Service Agency of the Department of Agriculture.

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Bingaman/Hollings Amendment No. 2160, to provide for school security training and technology, and for local school security programs.

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Cochran Amendment No. 2161, to make certain technical corrections.

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Stevens (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 2163, relating to the use of Floyd Bennett Field in New York City by the New York City Police Department.

Pages S2625-26

Stevens (for Nickles) Amendment No. 2120, to strike certain funding for the Health Care Financing Administration.

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Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 2164 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2120), in the nature of a substitute. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 45), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Bumpers Amendment No. 2134, to express the sense of the Senate that of the rescissions, if any, which Congress makes to offset appropriations made for emergency items in the Fiscal Year 1998 supplemental appropriations bill, defense spending should be rescinded to offset increases in spending for defense programs.

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Torricelli/Lautenberg Amendment No. 2155, to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should not accept a settlement in proceedings to recover costs incurred in the cleanup of the Wayne Interim Storage Site, Wayne, New Jersey, unless the settlement recaptures a substantial portion of the costs incurred by the taxpayer.

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Cleland Amendment No. 2158, to authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.

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Baucus/Burns Amendment No. 2162, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to extend the term of a marketing assistance loan made to producers on a farm for any loan commodity until September 30, 1998.

Pages S2615-18

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, all after the enacting clause be

stricken and the text of S. 1768, as amended, be substituted in lieu thereof and, after passage, the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S2631**

Also, a further consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure making supplemental appropriations for the International Monetary Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of the IMF Title of S. 1768 be substituted in lieu thereof and, after passage, the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S2631**

Subsequently, S. 1728 was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S2631**

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote: By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 46), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. **Pages S2631–36**

A fifth motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion would occur on Monday, March 30, 1998. **Page S2636**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of M. Margaret McKeown, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, on Friday, March 27, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S2690**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Messages From the House: **Page S2658**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2688–90**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—47) **Page S2606–07, S2629, S2636, S2657**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, March 27, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on pages S2690–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION/CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the Bureau of Reclamation from Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; and in behalf of funds for the Army Corps of Engineers from John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers; and Maj. Gen. Russell L. Fuhrman, Director of Civil Works, United States Army.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS/HUMANITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, Acting Chairman, and Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Senior Deputy Chairman, both of the National Endowment for the Arts; and Bill Ferris, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 1.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Treasury and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for