

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported three sundry measures, including the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8161-S8268*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2307-2316. Pages S8240-41

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2307, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105-249)

S. 2176, to amend sections 3345 through 3349 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Vacancies Act") to clarify statutory requirements relating to vacancies in and appointments to certain Federal offices, and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-250)

S. 2312, 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, 1999, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105-251) Page S8240

#### Measures Passed:

**Congressional Gold Medal:** Senate passed S. 1283, to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, after agreeing to a committee amendment. Pages S8264-65

**Agriculture Appropriations, 1999:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 2159, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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#### Adopted:

Cochran (for Brownback/Roberts) Amendment No. 3155, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide waiver authority on certain sanctions applicable to India or Pakistan. Page S8183

Dodd Amendment No. 3158, to exempt agricultural products, medicine, and medical equipment from U.S. economic sanctions. (By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 203), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8214-28

Roberts Modified Amendment No. 3159 (to Amendment No. 3158), of a perfecting nature. Pages S8214-26

Torricelli Amendment No. 3160 (to Amendment No. 3158), to exclude the application of Amendment No. 3158 to any country that repeatedly provided support for acts of terrorism. (By 30 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 204), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8226-27

Kerrey/Burns Amendment No. 3161, to ensure the continued viability of livestock producers and the livestock industry in the United States. (By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 205), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8228-32

Graham Amendment No. 3162, to provide assistance to agricultural producers for losses resulting from drought or fire. Pages S8232-33

Cochran (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 3163, to make food safety competitive research program funds available for research on E.coli:0157H7. Pages S8233-36

Cochran (for DeWine/Hutchinson) Amendment No. 3164, to require the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to conduct assessments and take other actions relating to the transition from use of chlorofluorocarbons in metered-dose inhalers. Pages S8233-36

Cochran (for Harkin/Grassley) Amendment No. 3165, to provide for the construction of a Federal animal biosafety level-3 containment center.

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Cochran Amendment No. 3166, to provide additional funds for conservation operations.

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Cochran (for Kempthorne/Baucus) Amendment No. 3167, to provide funding for a secondary agriculture education program.

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Cochran (for Bryan) Amendment No. 3168, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report concerning the market access program.

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Cochran (for Graham/Mack) Amendment No. 3169, to provide additional funding for fruit fly exclusion and detection.

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Cochran (for Johnson/Burns) Amendment No. 3170, to require that beef or lamb be labeled as United States beef or lamb or imported beef or lamb.

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Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 3146, to provide a safety net for farmers and consumers regarding marketing assistance loans. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 200), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Lugar Amendment No. 3156, to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions in order to ensure coordination of United States policy with respect to trade, security, and human rights. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 201), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S8185-S8203, S8211-12

Bryan Amendment No. 3157, to eliminate funding for the market access program for fiscal year 1999. (By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 202), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, July 16, 1998.

*(During consideration of this measure on Tuesday, July 14, the Senate also took the following action):*

Amendments adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 199), Modified Daschle (for Harkin/Daschle) Amendment No. 3127, to express the sense of the Senate that emergency action is necessary to respond to the economic hardships facing agricultural producers and their communities.

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Bumpers/Cochran Amendment No. 3142, to clarify a budget request submission regarding spending based on assumed revenues of unauthorized user fees.

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Bumpers (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3143, to establish a pilot program to permit certain owners

and operators to hay and graze on land that is subject to conservation reserve contracts.

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Bumpers (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3144, to prohibit the previous shipment of shell eggs under the voluntary grading program of the Department of Agriculture and to require the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report on egg safety and repackaging.

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Bumpers (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3145, to provide funding for completion of construction of the Alderson Plant Materials Center in Alderson, West Virginia.

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Bumpers (for Lieberman/Dodd) Amendment No. 3146, to clarify the eligibility of State agricultural experiment stations for certain agricultural research programs.

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**Homeowners Protection Act:** Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, with an amendment, as follows:

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DeWine (for Santorum/Specter) Amendment No. 3171, to establish that certain provisions shall not apply to a nonprofit institution whose primary function is to provide health care educational services that files for bankruptcy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Charles R. Rawls, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—205)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8268.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ATM SURCHARGING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine a Federal Government study on the status of automated teller machine deployment and surcharge fees assessed by banks and thrift institutions, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Jan Paul Acton, Assistant Director, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, Congressional Budget Office; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; Wayne A. Cottle, Dean Co-operative Bank, Franklin, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Community Bank League of New England; Raymond Curtin, Empire Federal Credit Union, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions; Linda Echard, IBAA Bancard, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; Richard E. Bolton, Jr., Charter Bank, Waltham, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Bankers Association and the Massachusetts Bankers Association; and John Ward, First American Bank, Elk Grove, Illinois, on behalf of the Consumer Bankers Association.

### ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, after receiving testimony from Representative Eshoo; Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Scott Cooper, Hewlett-Packard Company, Washington, D.C.; Kirk LeCompte, PenOp, Inc., New York, New York; and Daniel Greenwood, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Information Technology Division, Boston.

### PUERTO RICO

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee continued hearings on H.R. 856, to provide a process leading to full self-government for Puerto Rico,

and S. 472, to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, receiving testimony from Senators D'Amato and Lieberman; Representatives Velazquez, Serrano, and Gutierrez; Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Carlos A. Romero-Barcelo; and Jeffrey L. Farrow, Co-Chair, The President's Interagency Group on Puerto Rico.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Nikki Rush Tinsley, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### U.S. BALTIC POLICY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine United States policy towards the Republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, focusing on developments in these countries seven years after they regained their independence pending membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Richard J. Krickus, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Andrejs Plakans, Iowa State University, Ames; and Toivo Raun, Indiana University, Bloomington.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 389, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, with amendments;

S. 2228, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to modify termination and reauthorization requirements or advisory committees;

S. 314, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1397, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2004 to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.