

Monday, August 31, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2426-2428. Page S9689

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Tuesday, August 25, during the adjournment:

S. 2131, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-286)

S. 2359, to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act. (S. Rept. No. 105-287)

S. 1398, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-288)

S. 2087, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-289)

S. 2171, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas. (S. Rept. No. 105-290)

H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 105-291)

H.R. 2886, to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management activities for that unit of the National Forest System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105-292)

H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105-293)

S. 1397, 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. (S. Rept. No. 105-294)

H.R. 930, to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-295)

H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons. (S. Rept. No. 105-296)

S. Con. Res. 82, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the worldwide trafficking of persons, that has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, and is condemned by the international community as a violation of fundamental human rights, with an amendment. Pages S9688-89

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1999:
Pursuant to the order of July 22, 1998, Senate passed H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2260, as passed by the Senate. Page S9713

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and pursuant to the order of July 22, 1998, the Chair appointed the

following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, Cochran, Hollings, Inouye, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Mikulski, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 2260 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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

Treaty with Guatemala for return of Stolen, Robbed, Embezzled or Appropriated Vehicles and Aircraft (Treaty Doc. 105-58);

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.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Received on August 25, 1998, during the adjournment of the Senate:

Treaty Doc. 95-2 B (formerly Ex. B., 95-1), Montreal Protocol No. 4 to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, with one declaration and two provisos. (Exec. Rept. No. 105-20)

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Appointment:

National Skill Standards Board: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Democratic Leader during the August recess: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 103-227, the appointment of Barbara Kairson, of New York, as the Representative of Labor to the National Skill Standards Board, effective August 13, 1998.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

H. Dean Buttram, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Inge Prytz Johnson, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 3:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9714.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 9.

Committee Meetings

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS READINESS STATUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On August 26, the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Status of the District

of Columbia Public Schools Readiness for the 1998-1999 School Year. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia: Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent and CEO; and Wilma Harvey, President, Board of Education; Col. Bruce A. Berwick, USA, Commander and District Engineer, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Arthur Turowski, Director, Portfolio Management for Public Buildings Service/National Capital Region, GSA; Constance Newman, Vice-Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and

Management Assistance Authority; Maudine Cooper, Chairman, District of Columbia Public Schools Emergency Transitional Board of Trustees; and Carlotta C. Joyer, Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of public laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D884)

H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act. Signed Aug. 5, 1998. (P.L. 105-217)

H.R. 643, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse". Signed Aug. 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-218)

H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions. Signed Aug. 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-219)

H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States. Signed Aug. 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-220)

H.R. 3152, to provide that certain volunteers at private non-profit food banks are not employees for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Signed Aug. 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-221)

H.R. 3731, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium". Signed Aug. 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-222)

H.R. 4354, to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police. Signed Aug. 7, 1998. (P.L. 105-223)

H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico. Signed Aug. 12, 1998. (P.L. 105-224)

H.R. 1085, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, as title 36, United States Code, "Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations". Signed Aug. 12, 1998. (P.L. 105-225)

H.R. 3504, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation

and maintenance. Signed Aug. 12, 1998. (P.L. 105-226)

H.R. 4237, to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such Act. Signed Aug. 12, 1998. (P.L. 105-227)

S. 2344, to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to provide for the advance payment, in full, of the fiscal year 1999 payments otherwise required under production flexibility contracts. Signed Aug. 12, 1998. (P.L. 105-228)

H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore. Signed Aug. 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-229)

H.R. 872, to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers. Signed Aug. 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-230)

S. 1759, to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States. Signed Aug. 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-231)

S. 1800, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Joseph P. Kinneary United States Courthouse". Signed Aug. 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-232)

S. 2143, to amend chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice to accept voluntary services. Signed Aug. 13, 1998. (P.L. 105-233)

H.R. 3824, amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft. Signed Aug. 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-234)

S.J. Res. 54, finding the Government of Iraq in unacceptable and material breach of its international obligations. Signed Aug. 14, 1998. (P.L. 105-235)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 1 through 5, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the conference report on H.R. 4059, Military Construction Appropriations, 1999, begin consideration of S. 2334, Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1999, and may consider the conference report on H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

During the balance of the week, Senate may also consider S. 1301, Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act, S. 1873, American Missile Protection Act, and any cleared legislative or executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, September 1, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: September 1 and 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, Tuesday, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 3 p.m.; Wednesday, to hold hearings to examine activities of the National Constitution Center, 11 a.m.; SD-138.

September 3, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: September 3, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy low level radioactive waste disposal practices, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Finance: September 3, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the United States Customs Service; to be followed by hearings on the nomination of Susan G. Esserman, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 1, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the use of mass mail to defraud consumers, 2 p.m., SD-342.

September 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Patricia A. Broderick, Neal E. Kravitz,

and Natalia Combs Greene, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 1, Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine crime intervention proposals, 9:20 a.m., SD-226.

September 1, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, closed briefing on the recent bombings of the American embassies in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam and the United States response, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

September 3, Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine United States counter-terrorism policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: September 2, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jane E. Henney, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: September 2, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1649-50 in today's Record.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday, September 9, to be announced.

House Committees

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will vote on the conference report on H.R. 4059, Military Construction Appropriations, following which Senate will begin consideration of S. 2334, Foreign Operations Appropriations, and may consider the conference report on H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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