

Wednesday, September 2, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Conference Report.

Senate passed Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9807–S9900

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2431–2435, and S. Res. 270. Page S9877

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 389, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–299) Page S9877

Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1999: By 90 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate passed S. 2334, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S9825–34, S9837–47, S9851–69

Adopted:

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3491, to provide that the Export Import Bank shall not disburse direct loans, loan guarantees, insurance, or tied aid grants or credits for enterprises or programs in the New Independent States which are majority owned or managed by state entities. Pages S9858–59

Inhofe Amendment No. 3366, to require a certification that the signing of the Landmine Convention is consistent with the combat requirements and safety of the armed forces of the United States.

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McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 3528, to express the finding of the Senate that according to the Department of State, Iran continues to support international terrorism, providing train-

ing, financing, and weapons to such terrorist groups as Hizballah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

Pages S9842, S9845

McConnell (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3529, to provide additional resources for enhanced alternative crop development support in source zone.

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McConnell (for Craig) Amendment No. 3530, to establish a Joint United States-Canada Commission on Cattle, Beef, and Dairy Products, to identify, and recommend means of resolving, national, regional, and provincial trade-distorting differences between the countries with respect to the production, processing, and sale of cattle, beef, and dairy products.

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McConnell (for Craig) Amendment No. 3531, to describe the circumstances under which funds made available under the legislation may be available to any tribunal.

Pages S9842, S9845

McConnell (for Craig) Amendment No. 3532, to express the Sense of the Senate concerning the operation of agricultural commodity foreign assistance programs.

Pages S9842, S9845, S9853

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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McConnell (for Reed) Amendment No. 3533, to make certain funds available for the Claiborne Pell Institute for International Relations and Public Policy at Salve Regina University.

Pages S9842, S9845

McConnell (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3534, to prohibit the availability of funds for Haiti unless certain conditions are met.

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McCain Modified Amendment No. 3500, to restrict the availability of certain funds for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization unless an additional condition is met. (By 11 yeas to 80 nays (Vote No. 257), Senate failed to table the

amendment.) Pages S9825–26, S9837–38, S9841, S9845–47, S9851–53

McConnell (for McCain/Murkowski) Amendment No. 3501, to express the sense of the Congress regarding ballistic missile development by North Korea. Page S9859

Hutchison/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 3526 (to Amendment No. 3500), to condition the use of appropriated funds for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

Pages S9825–26, S9847, S9851–53, S9868

Subsequently, the amendment was further modified. Page S9868

McConnell Amendment No. 3535, to provide for the establishment of an Office of Security within the Office of the Administrator of the Agency for International Development. Pages S9858–59

Leahy (for DeWine/Leahy) Amendment No. 3536, to provide assistance for sub-Saharan Africa.

Pages S9867–68

Leahy (for Kerrey/Lott) Amendment No. 3537, to state the sense of the Senate regarding the development by the International Telecommunication Union of world standards for the next generation of wireless telecommunications services. Pages S9867–68

Leahy Amendment No. 3538, to increase funds for peacekeeping operations, and increase funds for development assistance of the Agency for International Development. Pages S9867–68

Leahy (for Abraham) Amendment No. 3539, to allow for the carryover of certain refugee resettlement funds. Pages S9868–69

Rejected:

Kyl Amendment No. 3522, to establish conditions for the use of quota resources of the International Monetary Fund. (By 74 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 256), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9826–33

Dodd Amendment No. 3527, to establish a procedure for the declassification of information pertaining to Guatemala and Honduras. (By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 258), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S9838–41, S9854–60

Withdrawn:

Coats Amendment No. 3523, to reallocate funds provided to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization to be available only for antiterrorism assistance. Page S9853

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact—Conference Report: 78 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S9809–19

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Claiborne deB. Pell, of Rhode Island, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Rod Grams, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Joseph R. Biden, of Delaware, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Pages S9894–S9900

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert Bruce Green, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period:

Mary A. Ryan, of Texas.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages S9895–S9900

Communications: Pages S9872–77

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S9877–83

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S9883–84

Amendments Submitted: Pages S9885–87

Authority for Committees: Page S9887

Additional Statements: Page S9888

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—259). Pages S9819, S9833, S9846, S9860, S9869

Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 3, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9894.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to review the educational mission of the National Constitution Center and its role in educating the public about the United States Constitution, after receiving testimony

from Mayor Edward G. Rendell, Joseph M. Torsella, National Constitution Center, and Richard R. Berman, University of Pennsylvania, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all on behalf of NCC.

NOMINATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jane E. Henney, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human

Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, September 9.

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

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Met in executive session to continue to receive briefings on pending business.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

Full Committee to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to examine United States

policy regarding United Nations inspections of Iraqi chemical sites, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance, 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 Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Armed Services, to examine United States policy regarding United Nations inspections of Iraqi chemical sites, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, 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, to hold hearings to examine United States counterterrorism policy, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E1651-52 in today's Record.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate may consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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