Tuesday, September 8, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2440-2449, and S. Res. 272.

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 2440, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105-300)
S. 1380, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding charter schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-301)
S. 1016, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey. (S. Rept. No. 105-302)
S. 1408, to establish the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site. (S. Rept. No. 105-303)
S. 1990, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey. (S. Rept. No. 105-304)
S. 2039, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail. (S. Rept. No. 105-305)
S. 2109, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-306)
S. 2232, to establish the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in the State of Arkansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-307)
S. 2276, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-308)
S. 2228, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to modify termination and reauthorization requirements for advisory committees. (S. Rept. No. 105-309)
S. 2317, to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-310)
S. 1333, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to allow national park units that cannot charge an entrance or admission fee to retain other fees and charges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-311)
S. 1665, to reauthorize the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-312)
S. 2129, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. (S. Rept. No. 105-313)

Measures Passed:

National Children's Memorial Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 193, designating December 13, 1998, as "National Children's Memorial Day".

Recognizing the Service of Angela Raish: Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, recognizing the distinguished service of Angela Raish.

Interior Appropriations, 1999: Senate began consideration of S. 2237, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Adopted:
Gorton (for Jeffords/Torricelli) Amendment No. 3541, to earmark funds for the acquisition and preservation of Civil War battlefields. (By a unanimous vote of 83 nays (Vote No. 261), Senate failed to table the amendment.)
Gorton (for Craig) Amendment No. 3543, relating to fees charged for recreation residence fees charged on the Sawtooth National Forest.
Gorton (for Enzi) Amendment No. 3544, to subject certain reserved mineral interests to the Mineral Leasing Act.
Gorton Amendment No. 3545, to make technical corrections regarding the removal of economically viable commercial wood products prior to initiating burning activities.
Gorton Amendment No. 3548, to clarify how the Forest Service is to conduct public involvement related to management of fixed climbing anchors in wilderness areas.
Gorton Amendment No. 3546, to make technical corrections regarding authority for the Forest Service to independently acquire a general ledger system.

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Gorton Amendment No. 3547, to make a technical correction regarding a prohibition on timber purchaser road credits.

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Gorton Amendment No. 3549, relating to activities of certain Indian trust accounts.

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Gorton Amendment No. 3550, of a technical nature.

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Gorton Amendment No. 3551, relating to the trust lands of the Cherokee territory in Oklahoma.

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Gorton (for Reid) Amendment No. 3552, to correct and clarify a legal description of land to be conveyed to Pahrump, Nevada.

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Gorton Amendment No. 3553, to add requirements in Forest Service administrative provisions for charging indirect expenses to permanent and trust funds.

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Bennett (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3555, regarding modifications to dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

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Bennett (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3556, relating to the distribution of Bureau of Indian Affairs funds to Indian tribes, and the development of alternative methods to fund TPA base programs.

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Bennett (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3557, to provide for the transfer of additional funds to the Energy Conservation account.

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Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 3554, to reform the financing of Federal elections.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3554, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, September 10, 1998.

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Senate may resume consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—261)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 1998. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S10043.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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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.

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No Committee meetings were held.

Committee Meetings for Wednesday, September 9, 1998

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings on S. 625, to provide for competition between forms of motor vehicle insurance, to permit an owner of a motor vehicle to choose the most appropriate form of insurance for that person, to guarantee affordable premiums, and to provide for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine retirement security policy, focusing on proposals to reform the social security system, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.
Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy with regard to Iraq, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of the Inspectors General community on the 20th anniversary of the Inspectors General Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine the impeachment or indictment process of a sitting President, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert B. King, of West Virginia, and William B. Traxler, Jr., of South Carolina, each to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, H. Dean Buttram, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Inge Prytz Johnson, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, and Thomas J. Whelan, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of California, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, H.R. 1023, proposed Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

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

House
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the Census, hearing on “Oversight of the 2000 Census: Review of Census Bureau Planning and Preparations in Response to the Federal Court Ruling that Sampling is Illegal”, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to mark up the following: a measure that would make technical corrections to the National Capital Revitalization Act of 1997, specifically naming the GSA as the landholding agency for the Federal government of the Lorton Project; and a measure that would make technical corrections to the Criminal Justice section of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, 3:30 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.


Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up H. Res. 505, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the importance of diplomatic relations with the Pacific Island nations, 4 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9 a.m., Wednesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will vote on a motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1873, American Missile Protection Act, and if cloture is not invoked, Senate will resume consideration of S. 2237, Interior Appropriations, 1999, and vote on a motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1301, Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Wednesday, September 9

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of 18 Suspensions:
(1) H.R. 3109, Thomas Cole National Historic Site Act;
(2) H.R. 2416, Transfer of Property in White River National Forest;
(3) S. 1683, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area;
(4) S. 1883, Conveyance of the Marion National Fish Hatchery to the State of Alabama;
(5) H.R. 4090, Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act;
(6) H.R. 678, Thomas Alva Edison Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin Act;
(7) H.R. 1560, Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act;
(8) H.R. 2225, Lloyd D. George Federal Building and United States Courthouse;
(9) H.R. 3295, Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building;
(10) H. Res. 459, Commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea;
(11) H. Res. 421, Expressing a Sense of the House of Representatives Deploring the Murder of Bishop Juan Jose Gerardi;
(12) H. Con. Res. 277, Concerning the New Tribes Mission Hostage Crisis;
(13) H. Con. Res. 292, Calling for an end to the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia;
(14) H.R. 3810, James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office Building;
(15) H.R. 2623, Ray J. Favre Post Office Building;
(16) H.R. 3167, Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building;
(17) H.R. 3939, Edgar C. Campbell, Sr. Post Office Building; and
(18) H.R. 3999, David P. Richardson, Jr. Post Office Building.

NOTE: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. No votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.