

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10331–S10391

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2469–2476 and S. Res. 276 and 277. Page S10383

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–334) Page S10383

Interior Appropriations, 1999: Senate resumed 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: Pages S10335–78, S10391

Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 3592, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming and to prohibit the Secretary from approving class III gaming without State approval. Pages S10356–71

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 3591, to strike provisions requiring a report from the National Academy of Sciences reviewing the adequacy of existing Federal and State environmental regulations applicable to exploration and mining on Federal lands. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10337–56

Ashcroft Amendment No. 3593, to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and to transfer available funds for the operation of the National Park System. (By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10371–78

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 3581, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. Page S10335

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. Page S10391

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—269) Pages S10355–56, S10378

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10391.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, for appointment to the grade of Admiral, and to be Commander-in-Chief of United States Pacific Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, and Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Brown was introduced by Senator Warner and Representative Sherrod Brown, Mr. Hammerschmidt was introduced by Senators Warner and Hutchinson, Mr. Mineta was introduced by Senators Warner and Boxer, Mr. Conti was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and

Representative Price, and Mr. Basso was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

COASTWISE TRADE LAWS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on S. 2390, to permit ships built in foreign countries to engage in coastwise in the transport of certain products, receiving testimony from Clyde J. Hart, Jr., Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Donald R. Quartel, Jones Act Reform Coalition, Dean Kleckner, American Farm Bureau Federation, Thomas A. Danjczek, Steel Manufacturers Association, and Cynthia L. Brown, American Shipbuilding Association, all of Washington, D.C.; William B. Saunders, Murphy Family Farms, Rose Hill, North Carolina; Donald T. Bollinger, Bollinger Shipyards, Inc., Lockport, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Shipyard Association; Thomas A. Allegretti, American Waterways Operators, Arlington, Virginia; and James R. Barker, Interlake Steamship Company/Mormac Marine Group, Inc., Stamford, Connecticut, on behalf of the Maritime Cabotage Task Force.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Argentine Republic, signed at Buenos Aires on June 10, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-18), Extradition Treaty between the United States and Barbados, signed at Bridgetown on February 28, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-20), Extradition Treaty between the United States and France, signed at Paris on April 23, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-13), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, signed at Washington on October 1, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-10), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Poland, signed at Washington on July 10, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-14), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Zimbabwe, signed at Harare on July 25, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-33), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Austria, signed at Washington on January 8, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-50), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Cyprus, signed at Washington on June 17, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-16), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Republic of India, signed at Washington on June 25, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-30), Protocol to the Extradition Treaty between the United States and the United Mexican States of May 4, 1978, signed at Washington on November 13, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-46), Third Supplementary Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Kingdom of Spain, signed at Madrid on March 12, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-15), Extradition Treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago, signed at Port of Spain on March 4, 1996 (Treaty

Doc. 105-21), Extradition Treaty between the United States and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Treaty Doc. 105-19), Treaty between the United States and Australia on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on April 30, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-27), Treaty between the United States and the Federative Republic of Brazil on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Brasilia on October 14, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-42), Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with Annex, signed in Hong Kong on April 15, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-6), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Latvia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on June 13, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-34), Treaty between the United States and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on March 13, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-11), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Poland on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on July 10, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-12), Treaty between the United States and Barbados on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Bridgetown on February 28, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-23), Treaty between the United States and the Czech Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on February 4, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-47), Treaty between the United States and the State of Israel on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Tel Aviv on January 26, 1998, and a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 105-40), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Lithuania on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on January 16, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-41), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Venezuela on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Caracas on October 12, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-38), Treaty between the United States and Trinidad and Tobago on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Port of Spain on March 4, 1996 (Treaty Doc. 105-22), Treaty between the United States and Saint Kitts and Nevis on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Basseterre on September 18, 1997, and a related exchange of notes (Treaty Doc. 105-37), Treaty between the United States and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, and a related Protocol, signed at Kingstown on January 8, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-44), Treaties between the United States and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105-24), Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Estonia on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Washington on April 2, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105-52), and the Agreement between the United States and Hong Kong for the Transfer of Sentenced Persons

signed at Hong Kong on April 15, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 105-7), after receiving testimony from Jamison Selby-Borek, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State; and Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine policy options for the United States with regard to the current economic and political situation in Russia, after receiving testimony from Stephen Sestanovich, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States; Richard Pipes and Marshall I. Goldman, both of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas Graham, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

TELECOMMUNICATION CONSOLIDATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded

hearings to examine the impact of consolidation within the telecommunications industry, focusing on the proposed merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE, after receiving testimony from William T. Esrey, Sprint Corporation, Westwood, Kansas; Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Charles R. Lee, GTE Corporation, Stamford, Connecticut; Clark E. McLeod, McLeodUSA, Incorporated, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Ivan G. Seidenberg, Bell Atlantic Corporation, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3412, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 3853, to encourage businesses to adopt drug-free workplace programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4566-4568, 4570-4576; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 536, 539, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2108, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, and to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, amended (H. Rept. 105-714);

H.R. 1481, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Restoration Study Report, amended (H. Rept. 105-715);

H.R. 2812, to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (H. Rept. 105-716);

H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California (H. Rept. 105-717);

H.R. 3445, to establish the Commission on Ocean Policy, amended (H. Rept. 105-718 part 1);

H.R. 4569, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-719);

H. Res. 537, providing for consideration of H.R. 4300, to support enhanced drug interdiction efforts

in the major transit countries and support a comprehensive supply eradication and crop substitution program in source countries (H. Rept. 105-720); and

H. Res. 538, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4550) to provide for programs to facilitate a significant reduction in the incidence and prevalence of substance abuse through reducing the demand for illegal drugs and the inappropriate use of legal drugs (H. Rept. 105-721).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Private Calendar: Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

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Agriculture Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Skeen, Walsh, Dickey, Kingston, Nethercutt, Bonilla, Latham, Livingston, Kaptur, Fazio, Serrano, DeLauro, and Obey.

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