

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures, including the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies appropriation for Fiscal Year 2000 and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5507–S5632

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1074–1085. **Pages S5586–87**

Juvenile Justice: Senate continued consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5507–83**

Adopted:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 127), Sessions/Inhofe Amendment No. 357, relating to the placement of a disclaimer on materials produced, procured or disseminated as a result of funds made available under this Act. **Pages S5522–23, S5527–28**

By 81 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 129), Hatch (for Santorum) Amendment No. 360, to encourage States to incarcerate individuals convicted of murder, rape, or child molestation. **Pages S5525–29**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 361, to provide for school safety and violence prevention and teacher liability protection measures. **Pages S5524–25, S5529**

Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 363, to make certain additions and modifications to the bill, including the establishment of a School Security Technology Center to provide resources to local educational agencies for school security assessments, security technology development, technology availability and implementation, and technical assistance relating to improving school security, and to provide funding for school security programs and to address drug, gang, and youth violence problems. **Pages S5549–59**

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 131), McConnell Amendment No. 365, to discourage the promotion

of violence in motion pictures and television productions. **Pages S5574–78, S5582**

Rejected:

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 358, to provide for additional mental health and student service providers. (By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 128), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5523–24, S5528**

Wellstone/Kennedy Amendment No. 364, to provide for juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the disproportionate number of juvenile members of racial minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5559–74, S5582**

Boxer Amendment No. 319, to reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime and to improve academic and social outcomes for students by providing productive activities during after school hours. (By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 132), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5578–82**

Pending:

Frist Amendment No. 355, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994 to authorize schools to apply appropriate discipline measures in cases where students have firearms. **Pages S5529–49**

Wellstone Amendment No. 356, to improve the juvenile delinquency prevention challenge grant program. **Page S5507**

Lautenberg/Kerrey Amendment No. 362, to regulate the sale of firearms at gun shows. **Pages S5508–22**

Lott (for Smith (of Oregon)/Jeffords) Amendment No. 366, to reverse provisions relating to pawn and other gun transactions. **Page S5583**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain pending amendments, on Thursday, May 20, 1999, with votes to occur on Amendment Nos. 362 and 366. Page S5583

Appointment:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Quebec City, Canada, May 20–24, 1999: Senators Grassley, Inhofe, DeWine, Grams, Voinovich, and Akaka. Page S5632

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 37 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
 - 35 Army nominations in the rank of general.
 - 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
 - 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Army and Navy. Page S5632

Communications: Pages S5584–86

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S5606–28

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Additional Statements: Pages S5628–32

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—132) Pages S5527–29, S5581–82

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 10:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 20, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5632.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the budget and posture of the United States Army, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; and Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 109, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, with an amendment;

S. 323, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison National Conservation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 415, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds;

S. 416, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility, with an amendment;

S. 441, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system, with an amendment;

S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 607, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992;

S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska;

S. 700, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail, with an amendment;

S. 744, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, with an amendment;

S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, with an amendment;