

Tuesday, July 13, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8309–S8422

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1352–1361. **Page S8373**

Patients' Bill of Rights Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1344, to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S8313–28, S8335–67

Adopted:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 199), Nickles (for Frist) Amendment No. 1238 (to Amendment No. 1236), to make health care plans accountable for their decisions, enhancing the quality of patients care in America. **Pages S8344–59**

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 200), Nickles Amendment No. 1236, to protect Americans from steep health care cost increases, or loss of health care insurance coverage. **Pages S8318–25, S8359–60**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 202), Nickles (for Santorum) Amendment No. 1234 (to Amendment No. 1233), to do no harm to Americans' health care coverage, and expand health care coverage in America. **Pages S8313, S8360–61**

Daschle (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1233 (to Amendment No. 1232), to ensure that the protections provided for in the Patients' Bill of Rights apply to all patients with private health insurance.

Pages S8361–67

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 198), Kennedy (for Robb) Amendment No. 1237 (to Amendment No. 1236), to provide coverage for certain items and services related to the treatment of breast cancer and to provide access to appropriate obstetrical and gynecological care, and to accelerate the deductibility of health insurance for the self-employed.

Pages S8325–28, S8335–44

By 47 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 201), Graham Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1233), to provide for coverage of emergency medical care.

Pages S8313–18, S8360

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 1232, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8313–28, S8335–67**

Dodd Amendment No. 1239 (to Amendment No. 1232), to provide coverage for individuals participating in approved clinical trials and for approved drugs and medical devices. **Pages S8361–67**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 14, 1999.

Treasury Department/Postal Service Appropriations—Amendment Adopted: The following amendment to S. 1282, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, previously passed on July 1, 1999, was adopted during today's proceedings:

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Jeffords (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1240, to reduce certain expenses within the Federal Buildings Fund of the General Services Administration, and to provide for an increase within salaries and expenses for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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

Extradition Treaty with Paraguay (Treaty Doc. 106–4).

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. **Page S8422**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the national emergency concerning weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47). **Page S8371**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

T. John Ward, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

David L. Goldwyn, of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

James B. Lewis, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Lewis Andrew Sachs, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S8421–22**

Messages From the President: **Page S8371**

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Text of S. 1282, as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—202) **Pages S8344, S8359–61**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8422.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NEVADA LAND CONVEYANCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1330, to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair mar-

ket value certain parcels of public land in the city; and S. 1329, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Larry Finfer, Assistant Director for Communications, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Bryan Montgomery, City of Mesquite, Nevada; and Stephen Bradhurst, Nevada Science and Technology Center, Reno, Nevada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, William Haskell Alsup, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Adalberto Jose Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Carlos Murguia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Marsha J. Pechman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jordan were introduced by Senators Graham and Mack, Mr. Alsup was introduced by Senator Boxer, Mr. Murguia was introduced by Senators Brownback and Roberts, and Ms. Pechman was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on safe and drug free schools, receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, Department of Education; David S. Wolk, Rutland Public Schools, Rutland, Vermont; Rosalind Brannigan, Drug Strategies, Washington, D.C.; and Hope Taft, Columbus, Ohio. Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 20.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2488–2500; 2 private bills, H.R. 2501–2502; and 4 resolutions,

H. Con. Res. 151–153 and H. Res. 244, were introduced. **Pages H5455–56**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: