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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the District of Columbia/Labor/HHS/Education Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13619–S13727

Measures Introduced: Six bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1840–1845, S. Res. 214–217, and S. Con. Res. 65–67. **Page S13879**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 439, to amend the National Forest and Public Lands of Nevada Enhancement Act of 1988 to adjust the boundary of the Toiyabe National Forest, Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 106–205)

S. 977, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–206)

S. 1296, to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–207)

S. 1349, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the national significance of specific sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–208)

S. 1569, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–209)

S. 1599, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with Black Hills National Forest. (S. Rept. No. 106–210)

H.R. 20, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–211)

H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as “World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills”. (S. Rept. No. 106–212)

H.R. 1619, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor. (S. Rept. No. 106–213)

S. 791, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women’s business center program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–214)

H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

S. 1515, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, with an amendment. **Page S13678**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Senate Chamber Photographs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 214, authorizing the taking of photographs in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Page S13719**

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 66, to authorize the printing of “Capitol Builder: The Shorthand Journals of Captain Montgomery C. Meigs, 1853–1861”. **Page S13719**

Printing Authority: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize the printing of “United States Capitol: A Chronicle of Construction, Design, and Politics”. **Page S13719**

Senate Committee Changes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 215, making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. **Page S13720**

Alabama Wilderness: Senate passed S. 1843, to designate certain Federal land in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, as the "Dugger Mountain Wilderness".
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SSA Alternative Penalty Procedure: Senate passed S. 1844, to amend Part D of Title 4 of the Social Security Act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure with respect to compliance with requirements for a State disbursement unit.
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Educational Support: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 440, to provide support for certain institutes and schools, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:
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Hagel (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 2504, to support the Robert T. Stafford Public Policy Institute.
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African Growth and Opportunity Act: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
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Rejected:

Hollings Amendment No. 2379 (to Amendment No. 2325), to require the negotiation, and submission to Congress, of side agreements concerning labor before benefits are received. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 345), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Feingold Amendment No. 2428 (to Amendment No. 2325), to strengthen the transshipment provisions. (By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 346), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Hollings Amendment No. 2483 (to Amendment No. 2325), to require the negotiation, and submission to Congress, of side agreements concerning the environment before benefits are received. (By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 347), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Hollings Amendment No. 2485 (to Amendment No. 2325), to require the negotiation of a reciprocal trade agreement lowering tariffs on imports of United States goods with a country before benefits are received under this Act by that country. (By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 348), Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Conrad/Grassley Amendment No. 2359 (to Amendment No. 2325), to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide trade adjustment assistance to farmers and fishermen. (By voice vote, Senate tabled the amendment.)
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Feingold Amendment No. 2406 (to Amendment No. 2325), to ensure that the trade benefits accrue

to firms and workers in sub-Saharan Africa. (By voice vote, Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Lott Amendment No. 2332 (to Amendment No. 2325), of a perfecting nature.
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Lott Amendment No. 2333 (to Amendment No. 2332), of a perfecting nature.
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Pending:

Lott (for Roth/Moynihan) Amendment No. 2325, in the nature of a substitute.
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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 74 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 344), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 2325 (listed above).
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Subsequently, the motion to commit with instructions, and Lott Amendment No. 2334 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature fell.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, November 3, 1999.
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District of Columbia/Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Conference: By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 343), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.
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Financial Services Modernization Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on S. 900, 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, with a vote on adoption of the conference report to occur thereon.
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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—348)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 3, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13725.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Senate concluded hearings to examine the new Round of international trade negotiations to be discussed at the upcoming World Trade Organization Conference in Seattle, focusing on the services industries trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

PROTECTION OF FOREST ROADLESS AREAS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings to examine the President's Memorandum for the Secretary of Agriculture on the Protection of Forest Roadless Areas, and the Forest Service's actions that are planned in response, after receiving testimony from Senator Hatch; and Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary, Jim Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, all of the Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Avis Thayer Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Non-proliferation, J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Craig Gordon Dunkerley, of Massachusetts, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe, Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, to be a Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, Charles Taylor Manatt, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Anthony Stephen Harrington, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Manatt was introduced by Senators Gramm,

Feinstein, Boxer, and Harkin, and Mr. Harrington was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

EXTREMIST MOVEMENTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine the incidence of terrorism in the Middle East and South Asia, focusing on how to combat the growing problem of extremism and its by-product, terrorism, receiving testimony from Michael A. Sheehan, Ambassador at Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; Mansoor Ijaz, Crescent Equity Partners, New York, New York; Milton Beardon, former CIA Chief in Sudan and Pakistan, Reston, Virginia; and Frederick Starr, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and Michael Krepon, Henry L. Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Melvin W. Kahle, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Q. Todd Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, to be Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and Anne H. Chasser, of Ohio, to be Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, both of the Department of Commerce, and Kathryn M. Turman, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice;

S. 1798, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for investors and innovators, protect patent terms, and reduce patent litigation;

H.R. 1907, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, and reduce patent litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the substitute amendment incorporates the text of S. 1798, Senate companion measure.);

S. 1515, to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, with an amendment; and

H.J. Res. 65, commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Also, committee agreed to postpone consideration of the nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Frank H. McCarthy, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.