

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8245–S8296*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3022 and S. Res. 350. **Pages S8290–91**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 4690, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–404) **Page S8290**

**PNTR (Permanent Normal Trade Relations) for China:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8252–66**

Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 4118, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has taken certain actions with respect to ensuring human rights protection. **Page S8252**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4119, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China is in compliance with certain Memoranda of Understanding regarding prohibition on import and export of prison labor products. **Page S8252**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4120, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has responded to inquiries regarding certain people who have been detained or imprisoned and has made substantial progress in releasing from prison people incarcerated for organizing independent trade unions. **Page S8252**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4121, to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike. **Page S8252**

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 4129, to require that the Congressional-Executive Commission monitor the cooperation of the People's Republic of

China with respect to POW/MIA issues, improvement in the areas of forced abortions, slave labor, and organ harvesting. **Pages S8252–66**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Monday, September 11, 2000. **Page S8294**

#### Energy and Water Development Appropriations Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the adoption of the following additional amendments to H.R. 4733, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (which passed the Senate on Thursday, September 7, 2000): **Page S8256**

Roth (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4053, to provide for a Laboratory Funding Plan to carry out certain programs, projects, and activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration. **Page S8256**

Roth (for Stevens/Murkowski) Amendment No. 4054, to make available funds to replace and upgrade the dam in Kake, Alaska which collapsed July, 2000 to provide drinking water and hydroelectricity. **Page S8256**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2002. (Reappointment)

Larry L. Levitan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years. (New Position)

Steve H. Nickles, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years. (New Position)

Robert M. Tobias, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years. (New Position)

Karen Hastie Williams, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years. (New Position)

George L. Farr, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years. (New Position)

Frank Henry Cruz, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006. (Reappointment)

Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years. (New Position)

Robert M. Walker, of West Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs. (New Position)

Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2004.

Francis J. Duggan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2003. (Reappointment)

Nancy Killefer, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of five years. (New Position)

Ross L. Wilson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Karl William Hofmann, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic.

Janet A. Sanderson, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

John W. Limbert, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Mary Ann Peters, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

John Edward Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

E. Ashley Wills, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

Nina V. Fedoroff, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Diana S. Natalicio, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

John A. White, Jr., of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Debbie D. Branson, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years. (New Position)

Robert B. Rogers, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2001.

Carol W. Kinsley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of one year. (New Position)

Jane Lubchenco, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Warren M. Washington, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Michael G. Kozak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

Sharon P. Wilkinson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

James Edgar Baker, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006. (Reappointment)

Owen James Sheaks, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance). (New Position)

Pamela E. Bridgewater, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin.

Thomas L. Garthwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

Roger W. Kallock, of Ohio, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness. (New Position)

Norman C. Bay, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs), vice James P. Rubin.

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006.

Joseph R. Biden, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Rod Grams, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m., and adjourned at 3:43 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 11, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8295.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* On Thursday, September 7, committee ordered favorably reported S. 2962, to amend the Clean Air Act to address problems concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at noon on Monday, September 11.

## Committee Meetings

### PRIVACY ACT AND THE PRESIDENCY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on the Privacy Act and the Presidency. Testimony was heard from William Treanor, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on National Missile Defense: Test Failures and Technology Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Edward Warner, Assistant Secretary, Strategy and Threat Reduction; Phillip Coyle, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; and Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Office; Avis Bohlen, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Arms Control, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 11 through September 16, 2000

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday* and *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China.

During the remainder of the week, Senate hopes to complete consideration of H.R. 4444 (listed above), and consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Special Committee on Aging:* September 13, to hold hearings to examine long-term care insurance, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* September 12, to hold hearings on the Office of Civil Rights within the United States Department of Agriculture, focusing on discrimination, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* September 12, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on rail competition issues, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* September 12, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings on Congressional proposals impacting FHA reserves, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

September 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine circulating coin designs, 9 a.m., SD-538.