

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8353–S8438

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3026–3039, and S. Res. 353–355. **Pages S8412–13**

Measures Reported:

S. 1066, to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to encourage the use of and research into agricultural best practices to improve the environment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–407)

S. 1762, to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance for the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of water resources projects previously funded by the Secretary under such Act or related laws. (S. Rept. No. 106–408)

Measures Passed:

Committee Membership Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 354, providing for certain appointments to the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Pages S8425–26**

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:

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Rejected:

Byrd Amendment No. 4117, to require disclosure by the People's Republic of China of certain information relating to future compliance with World Trade Organization subsidy obligations. **Page S8354**

By 29 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 238), 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.

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By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 239), Helms/Wellstone Amendment No. 4125, to require the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has taken certain actions with respect to ensuring human rights protection.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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Byrd Amendment No. 4131, to improve the certainty of the implementation of import relief in cases of affirmative determinations by the International Trade Commission with respect to market disruption to domestic producers of like or directly competitive products.

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Thompson Amendment No. 4132, to provide for the application of certain measures to covered countries in response to the contribution to the design, production, development, or acquisition of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons or ballistic or cruise missiles.

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Hollings Amendment No. 4134, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to require corporations to disclose foreign investment-related information in 10-K reports. **Pages S8396–98**

Hollings Amendment No. 4135, to authorize and request the President to report to the Congress annually beginning in January, 2001, on the balance of trade with China for cereals (wheat, corn, and rice) and soybeans, and to direct the President to eliminate any deficit. **Pages S8396–98**

Hollings Amendment No. 4136, to authorize and request the President to report to the Congress annually, beginning in January, 2001, on the balance of trade with China for advanced technology products, and direct the President to eliminate any deficit. **Pages S8396–98**

Hollings Amendment No. 4137, to condition eligibility for risk insurance provided by the Export-Import Bank or the Overseas Private Investment Corporation on certain certifications. **Pages S8396–98**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain amendments on Wednesday, September 13, 2000, with votes on Byrd Amendment No. 4131 and division 6 of Smith (N.H.) No. 4129 to occur at 11 a.m. **Page S8406**

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

Protocol Amending Investment Treaty with Panama (Treaty Doc. No. 106–46); and

Investment Treaty with Azerbaijan (Treaty Doc. No. 106–47).

The treaties were 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 S8426**

Appointments:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Union: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Hutchison as Chair of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Union during the 106th Congress. **Page S8426**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joel Gerber, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office. (Reappointment)

Stephen J. Swift, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office. (Reappointment)

Steven E. Achelpohl, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska vice William G. Cambridge, retired.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy. **Pages S8426–38**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—239) **Pages S8366, S8381**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 8:28 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 13, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8426.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USDA'S PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's processing of civil rights complaints, and recommendations to improve the efficiency of the process, after receiving testimony from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, Paul W. Fiddick, Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Charles R. Rawls, General Counsel, all of the Department of Agriculture; Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; John W. Boyd, Jr., National Black Farmers Association, Baskerville, Virginia; John Zippert, Epes, Alabama, on behalf of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund and the Rural Coalition/Coalicion Rural; Lawrence Lucas, USDA Coalition of Minority Employees, and Alexander Pires, Conlon, Frantz, Phelan, and Pires, both of Washington, D.C.; Harold Conner, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and Juanita Carranza, Lambert, Montana.

RAIL COMPETITION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded oversight hearings on freight rail competition issues, after receiving testimony from Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Bobby