

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 14 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8439–S8533

Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3040–3044, S. Res. 356–357, and S. Con. Res. 135. **Page S8501**

Measures Reported:

S. 3041, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–409)

H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–410)

H.R. 1102, to provide for pension reform, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–411) **Page S8501**

Measures Passed:

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act: Senate passed S. 1608, to provide stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for the benefit of public schools and roads and to enhance the health, diversity and productivity of federal lands, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S8514–26**

Craig/Wyden Amendment No. 4139, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8519–26**

Select Committee on Intelligence Documentary Production: Senate agreed to S. Res. 356, to authorize documentary production by the Select Committee on Intelligence. **Pages S8526–27**

Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center: Senate passed H.R. 1959, to designate the Federal building located at 643 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8527**

Pamela B. Gwin Hall: Senate passed H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the “Pamela B. Gwin Hall”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8527**

Kika de la Garza United States Border Station: Senate passed H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the “Kika de la Garza United States Border Station”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8527**

James H. Quillen United States Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 4608, to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the “James H. Quillen United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8527**

Welcoming Prime Minister of India: Senate agreed to S. Res. 357, welcoming Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India, upon his first official visit to the United States. **Page S8527**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 394, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of S. 1374. **Page S8528**

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 S8443–94**

Rejected:

By 33 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 240), 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. **Pages S8443–44, S8449**

By 29 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 241), division 6 of 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 S8443, S8445–49**

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. (By 65 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8443, S8450–68**

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 243), Helms Amendment No. 4128, to express the sense of Congress regarding forced abortions in the People's Republic of China. **Pages S8469–71, S8472–76, S8490–91**

By 23 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 244), Helms Amendment No. 4123, to require the Secretary of Commerce to consult with leaders of American businesses to encourage them to adopt a code of conduct for doing business in the People's Republic of China. **Pages S8471–72, S8476–84, S8491**

By 18 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 245), Feingold Amendment No. 4138, to make technical changes relating to the recommendations of the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China. **Pages S8484–87, S8491–92**

By 22 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 246), 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. **Pages S8443, S8487–90, S8492**

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 S8443**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4121, to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike. **Page S8443**

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 (divisions 1 through 5). **Page S8443**

Hollings Amendment No. 4134, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to require corporations to disclose foreign investment-related information in 10-K reports. **Page S8443**

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. **Page S8443**

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. **Page S8443**

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. **Page S8444**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for all remaining first degree amendments be limited to no more than one hour, to be equally divided in the usual form, and that no second degree amendments be in order. Further, that following disposition of these amendments and general debate on the bill, the bill be advanced to third reading and passage occur. **Page S8493**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments on Thursday, September 14, 2000. **Page S8528**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President pro tempore of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Prime Minister of India into the House Chamber for the joint meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2000. **Page S8527**

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

Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Management (Treaty Doc. No. 106–48).

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. **Pages S8527–28**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard W. Anderson, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana vice Charles C. Lovell, retired.

78 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Marine Corps, Navy.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S8496–97**

Measures Referred: **Page S8497**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S8497**

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Communications: **Pages S8497–99**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S8505–06**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8508–13**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S8513–14**

Additional Statements: **Pages S8495–96**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—246) **Pages S8449, S8468, S8490–92**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:25 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8528.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

An original bill (S. 3041) 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, 2001.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry

independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

COIN DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee met to discuss U.S. coin designs, focusing on the physical and fiscal concerns regarding changing circulating coin designs, after receiving testimony from Jay W. Johnson, Director, and Thomas D. Rogers, Engraver/Artist, both of the United States Mint, Department of the Treasury; Richard G. Doty, Curator of Numismatics, Smithsonian Institution; H. Robert Campbell, American Numismatic Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Ute Wartenburg, American Numismatic Society, New York, New York.

MARKETING VIOLENCE TO CHILDREN

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings on the Federal Trade Commission report which examines the marketing of violence in movies, television, music, and video games to children, and recommendations to curtail their exposure, including entertainment industry self-regulation, the need for legislative oversight, enforcement of rating guidelines, and parental involvement and responsibility, receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, DeWine, Hagel, Hatch, Kohl, and Lieberman; Representatives Hyde and Markey; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Danny Goldberg, Artemis Records, and Strauss Zelnick, BMG Entertainment-North America, both of New York, New York; Peter Moore, Sega of America, Inc., San Francisco, California; Gregory Fischbach, Acclaim Entertainment, Inc., Glen Cove, New York; Tom Diaz, Violence Policy Center, Hilary Rosen, Recording Industry Association, Douglas Lowenstein, Interactive Digital Software Association, Daniel B. Borenstein, American Psychiatric Association, on behalf of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, and Jeff McIntyre, American Psychological Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Donald E. Cook, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, on behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and Michael E. Dyson, DePaul University Ida B. Wells-Barnett University, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee met and began consideration of H.R. 3236, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy