

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed District of Columbia Appropriations bill.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9331–S9403*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3117–3127, and S.J. Res. 53. **Page S9381**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 3121, to reauthorize programs to assist small business concerns. (S. Rept. No. 106–422)

S. 3059, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require motor vehicle manufacturers and motor vehicle equipment manufacturers to obtain information and maintain records about potential safety defects in their foreign products that may affect the safety of vehicles and equipment in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–423)

S. 2899, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–424)

H.R. 4868, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9381**

#### Measures Passed:

**District of Columbia Appropriations:** Senate passed H.R. 4942, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 3041, Senate companion measure, with the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9397**

Lott (for Hutchison/Durbin) Amendment No. 4271, to provide certain technical and conforming language. **Page S9397**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Kyl, Stevens, Durbin, and Inouye. **Page S9397**

Subsequently, S. 3041 was placed back on the Senate calendar. **Page S9397**

**Indian Water Rights:** Senate passed H.R. 2647, to amend the Act entitled “an Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community” to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9397**

**Coastal Barrier Resources Act Authorization:** Senate passed S. 1752, to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9397–S9400**

Lott (for Smith of N.H.) Amendment No. 4272, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9398**

**H–1B Nonimmigrant Visa:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9337–76**

#### Adopted:

Lott Amendment No. 4201 (to Amendment No. 4183), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9337**

Lott (for Conrad) Amendment No. 4183 (to the text of the bill proposed to be stricken), to exclude certain “J” nonimmigrants from numerical limitations applicable to “H–1B” nonimmigrants. **Page S9337**

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 258), Lott Amendment No. 4178 (to Amendment No. 4177), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9337, S9375**

#### Pending:

Lott (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4177 (to the committee substitute), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9337**

Lott Amendment No. 4214 (to Amendment No. 4177), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9375**

Lott Amendment No. 4216 (to the language proposed to be stricken), of a perfecting nature.

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Lott Amendment No. 4217 (to Amendment No. 4216), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9375**

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith. **Page S9375**

Lott Amendment No. 4269 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit the bill), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S9375–76**

Lott Amendment No. 4270 (to Amendment No. 4269), of a perfecting nature. **Page S9376**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 257), two-thirds of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to suspend Rule XXII to permit the consideration of Amendment No. 4184. **Pages S9338–75**

**National Energy Security Act:** Senate withdrew the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly.

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Subsequently, Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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**Messages From the House:** **Page S9380**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S9381**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S9381**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S9396**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—258) **Page S9375**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and recessed at 6:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 28, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9400.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation concluded hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture financial management issues, focusing on challenges in achieving financial accountability and complying with key financial management laws and regulations, after receiving testimony from Sally Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, both of the Department of Agriculture; Linda M. Calbom, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Thomas A. Schatz, Citizens Against Government Waste, Washington, D.C.; and Maurice P. McTigue, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.

### MILITARY READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of United States military readiness and its ability to execute our national military strategy, after receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Adm. Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

### MARKETING VIOLENCE TO CHILDREN

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine 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, after receiving testimony from Rob Friedman, Paramount Pictures' Motion Picture Group, and Jim Gianopulos, Fox Filmed Entertainment, both of Los Angeles, California; Mel Harris, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Culver City, California; Alan Horn, Warner Bros., Burbank, California; Robert Iger, Walt Disney Company, New York, New York; Chris McGurk, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. (MGM), Santa Monica, California; and Walter Parkes, DreamWorks SKG, and Stacey