

Friday, December 8, 1995

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S18253–S18304*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1461. Page S18287

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 907, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–183) Page S18287

**Flag Desecration:** Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 31, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Pages S18253–62, S18264–68, S18272–86

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Monday, December 11, 1995.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

C. Lynwood Smith, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. Page S18304

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received the notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

C. Richard Allen, of Maryland, to be a Managing Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which was sent to the Senate on June 6, 1995. Page S18304

**Communications:** Page S18287

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S18287–95

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page S18295

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:40 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, December 11, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S18304.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Ralph R. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### WHITEWATER

*Special Committee To Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters:* Committee met and approved the issuance of subpoenas to obtain certain information and documents relative to the committee's Whitewater investigation.

Committee will meet again on Monday, December 11.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet next at 12 noon on Monday, December 11.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2706, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept from a State donations of services of State employees to perform hunting management functions in a National Wildlife Refuge in a period of Government budgetary shutdown; and H.R. 2677, National Parks and National Wildlife Refuge Systems Freedom Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Senator Kyl; Representatives Lincoln and Hutchinson; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

## Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT-UNEMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for November, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

### Week of December 11 through 16, 1995

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 31, Flag Desecration Constitutional Amendment.

During the week, Senate expects to also consider the further conference report on H.R. 2099, VA-HUD Appropriations, legislation relative to Bosnia, continuing appropriations, further conference reports (when available), and any cleared legislative business.

*(Senate and House will hold a joint meeting to receive an address by Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 12, 1995)*

*(Senate will recess on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* December 12, to hold hearings on the nomination of H. Martin Lancaster, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* December 12, business meeting, to mark up S. 1228, to impose sanctions on foreign persons exporting petroleum products, natural gas, or related technology to Iran, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* December 12, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 873, to establish the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, S. 944, to provide for the establishment of the Ohio River Corridor Study Commission, S. 945, to amend the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 to modify the boundaries of the corridor, S. 1020, to establish the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, S. 1110, to establish guidelines for the designation of National Heritage Areas, S. 1127, to establish the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, and S. 1190, to establish the Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor in the State of Ohio, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

December 13, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of certain water reclamation and reuse projects and desalination research and development projects, S. 1013, to acquire land for exchange for privately held land for use as wildlife and wetland protection areas, in connection with the Garrison Diversion Unit Project, S. 1154, to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural Water Supply System, S. 1169, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize construction of facilities for the reclamation and reuse of wastewater at McCall, Idaho, and S. 1186, to provide for the transfer of operation and maintenance of the Flathead irrigation and power project, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

December 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1271, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* December 12, to hold hearings on provisions of S. 776, to reauthorize the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

December 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Clean Water Act, focusing on municipal issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 12, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-419.