

Tuesday, September 16, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed Gen. Shelton as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S9359–S9436*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1179–1182. Page S9411

#### Measures Passed:

***Grazing Use and Privileges:*** Senate passed S. 308, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S9433–34

***Wilderness and Visitor Center Designations:*** Senate passed S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. Page S9434

***Hydrogen Future Act Authorization:*** Senate passed S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein. Page S9435

***Trinity Lake Reservoir:*** Senate passed H.R. 63, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as “Trinity Lake”, clearing the bill for the President. Page S9435

***Retirement of Hans Blix:*** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement. Page S9435

***Export-Import Bank Reauthorization:*** Senate passed S. 1026, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S9435

**FDA Administration Modernization and Accountability Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to im-

prove the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (The modification incorporated the language of Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute.) Pages S9360–63, S9375–76, S9378–85

#### Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 1137 (to Amendment No. 1130), authorizing funds for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2002 to establish within the National Institutes of Health an agency to be known as the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Pages S9361–63, S9378–85

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

By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 239), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 1130, listed above. Pages S9375–76

**Interior Appropriations, 1998:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with certain excepted committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S9363–75, S9385–S9406

#### Adopted:

Campbell Amendment No. 1197 (to committee amendment beginning on page 52, line 16 through page 54, line 22), to develop a new formula for distribution of tribal priority allocation funding. Pages S9389–97

Subsequently, the committee amendment beginning on page 52 was agreed to. Page S9397

Gorton (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 1200, to clarify that funds provided for land acquisition in South Florida may be used for acquisitions within Stormwater Treatment Area 1–E. Pages S9401–02

Gorton (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1201, to permit the Virgin Islands to issue parity bonds in lieu of priority bonds. **Page S9402**

Gorton/Byrd Amendment No. 1202, to clarify that the provision regarding Forest Ecosystems Health and Recovery Revolving Fund applies only to the Federal share of receipts. **Page S9402**

Gorton/Byrd Amendment No. 1203, to clarify the provision allowing tribal priority allocation funds be used for repair and replacement of school facilities. **Pages S9402–03**

#### Withdrawn:

Committee amendment beginning on page 55, line 11 through page 56, line 2, regarding tribal sovereign immunity. **Page S9397**

#### Pending:

Ashcroft Amendment No. 1188 (to committee amendment beginning on page 96, line 12 through page 97, line 8), to eliminate funding for programs and activities carried out by the National Endowment for the Arts. **Pages S9363–75, S9385–89, S9397–S9401, S9403–05**

Hutchinson Amendment No. 1196, to authorize the President to implement the recently announced American Heritage Rivers Initiative subject to designation of qualified rivers by Act of Congress. **Pages S9405–06**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

**Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Wednesday, September 17, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S9433**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled “The Export Expansion and Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of 1997”; to the Committee on Finance. (PM–65). **Page S9409**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations: General Henry H. Shelton for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. **Page S9377**

Richard Thomas White, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 1999.

John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

Stephen R. Sestanovich, of the District of Columbia, as Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States. **Page S9436**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S9409–10**

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**Authority for Committees:** **Page S9431**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S9431–33**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—239) **Page S9376**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, September 17, 1997. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S9436.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr., USN, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Atlantic Command, and Lt. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command and for appointment to the grade of general, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT FRAUD

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine the widespread growth of fraud using financial institutions, focusing on national security implications, organized crime involvement, and the types of counterfeit financial instruments being circulated, after receiving testimony from Charles L. Owens, Chief, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dana Brown, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; Robert