

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1359-1369 and S. Con. Res. 60. Pages S11677-78

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1219, to require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-132)

H.R. 651, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. (S. Rept. No. 105-133)

H.R. 652, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. (S. Rept. No. 105-134)

H.R. 848, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of the AuSable Hydroelectric Project in New York. (S. Rept. No. 105-135)

H.R. 1184, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of the Bear Creek hydroelectric project in the State of Washington. (S. Rept. No. 105-136)

H.R. 1217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for the construction of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Washington. (S. Rept. No. 105-137)

H.R. 858, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource management activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-138)

S. 759, to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1258, to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act, with an amendment.

S. Con. Res. 48, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran.

S. Con. Res. 58, expressing the sense of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law.

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Measures Passed:

Hoopa Valley Reservation Adjustment: Senate passed H.R. 79, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, clearing the measure for the President.

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International Immunization Requirement Exemption: Senate passed H.R. 2464, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt internationally adopted children under age 10 from the immunization requirement, clearing the measure for the President.

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Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997: Senate passed S. 813, to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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U.S. Fire Administration Authorization: Senate passed S. 1231, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration.

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Battle of Midway National Memorial Act: Senate passed S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial

to the Battle of Midway, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Mississippi Navigation Regulation: Senate passed S. 1324, to deauthorize a portion of the project for navigation, Biloxi Harbor, Mississippi.

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Grand Teton Grazing Study: Senate passed H.R. 708, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use and open space within and adjacent to Grant Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, clearing the measure for the President.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote: By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 291), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts.

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Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements.

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

By 69 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 292), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, November 5, 1997, with a vote on, or in relation to the motion to occur thereon.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of James S. Gwin, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, on Wednesday, November 5, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Appointments:

Board of Visitors—U.S. Military Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 USC 4355(a) appointed Senator Lautenberg, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of

Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy, vice Senator Kohl.

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

Transmitting the report of the Executive Order blocking Sudanese government property and prohibiting transactions with Sudan; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM—79).

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292) Pages S11626-27, S11632

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 5, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11707.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kevin Emanuel Marchman, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Richard F. Keevey, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Eva M. Plaza, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, and Gail W. Laster, of New York, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Jo Ann Jay Howard, of Texas, to be Federal Insurance Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and F. Amanda Debusk, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, R. Roger Majak, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, and David L. Aaron, of New York, to be Under Secretary for International Trade, all of the Department of Commerce.