

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998.
House Committees ordered reported 18 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4379-S4450

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2036-2039, S. Con. Res. 94, and S. Res. 223-224. **Page S4435**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2037, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, to provide limitations on copyright liability relating to material online, and for other purposes. **Page S4435**

Measures Passed:

International Exchange of Advanced Technologies: Senate agreed to S. Res. 224, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding an international project to evaluate and facilitate the exchange of advanced technologies. **Pages S4449-50**

IRS Reform: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S4379-S4409, S4413-32**

Adopted:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 120), Roth Amendment No. 2339, to ensure compliance with Federal budget requirements.

Pages S4380-83, S4390, S4392

Reid Modified Amendment No. 2342, to require a study of the provisions of section 7623 of the Internal Revenue code to provide payments for detection of underpayments and fraud. **Pages S4397-S4402**

Kerrey (for Leahy/Ashcroft) Amendment No. 2343, to provide electronic access to Internal Revenue Service information on the Internet.

Pages S4401, S4428-29

Dorgan/Reid Amendment No. 2344, to require a study to examine the transfer pricing enforcement efforts of the Internal Revenue Service. **Pages S4404-05**

Graham Amendment No. 2347, to require 1 member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board to be a representative of small business.

Pages S4406-07

Kerrey (for Kohl/Feingold) Amendment No. 2357, to provide for an independent review of the investigation of the equal employment opportunity process of the Internal Revenue Service offices located in the area of Milwaukee and Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Pages S4427-28

Ashcroft/Leahy Amendment No. 2348, to strike the presumption that electronic verifications are treated as actually submitted and subscribed by a person.

Pages S4429-32

Rejected:

Kerrey Modified Amendment No. 2340, to ensure compliance with Federal budget requirements.

Pages S4380, S4383-92

By 25 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 121), Bond Amendment No. 2341, to establish a full-time Board of Governors for the Internal Revenue Service.

Pages S4394-97, S4402

Pending:

Thompson/Sessions Amendment No. 2356, to strike the exemptions from criminal conflict laws for board member from employee organization.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. **Page S4413**

A further consent agreement was reached providing that following passage of the bill, the Senate insist on its amendments, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, May 7, 1998.

Appointment:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 105th Congress, to be held in Nantucket, Massachusetts, May 14-18, 1998: Senators Grassley and Grams. **Page S4450**

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

Transmitting the report concerning the proposed agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and Ukraine for Cooperation Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-122).

Pages S4433-34

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

L. Britt Snider, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

28 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the President: **Pages S4433-34**

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Measures Referred: **Page S4434**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S4441-42**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4443-48**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S4448-49**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—121) **Pages S4392, S4402**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 7, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4450.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal

year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the United States Pacific Command, receiving testimony from Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, U.S. Navy, Commander in Chief, United States Pacific Command.

Subcommittee will meet again on Monday, May 11.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to begin markup of proposed legislation to authorize funds for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personal strengths for fiscal year 1999, and related proposals, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded oversight hearings to examine the activities of the Common Carrier Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on its implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, after receiving testimony from A. Richard Metzger, Jr., Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Ronald J. Binz, Competition Policy Institute, Denver, Colorado; and Earl W. Comstock, Sher & Blackwell, Albert Halprin, Halprin, Temple, Goodman & Sugrue, and Peter W. Huber, Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd & Evans, on behalf of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, all of Washington, D.C.

NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 94 and H.R. 449, bills to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada, after receiving testimony from Senators Reid and Bryan; Representatives Ensign and Gibbons; Tom Fry, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mayor Michael L. Montandon, North Las Vegas, Nevada; and Lance Malone and Mary Kincaid, both of the Clark County Board of Commissioners, and Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County Department of Aviation, all of Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs held hearings to examine the status of human rights violations and United States foreign policy in Kosovo, receiving testimony from Robert S. Gelbard, Special Representative of the President