

Monday, June 1, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 238 and 239. **Page S5517**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Wednesday, May 27, during the adjournment:

H.R. 2232, to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2126, to amend section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require information on foreign government officials responsible for egregious offenses against human rights in the annual reports on the human rights practices of countries receiving United States security assistance. **Pages S5516–17**

Reported today:

Report to accompany S. 1360, Border Improvement and Immigration Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–197)

S. 1531, to deauthorize certain portions of the project for navigation, Bass Harbor, Maine.

S. 1532, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to deauthorize the remainder of the project at East Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing Testimony/Production of Documents: Senate agreed to S. Res. 239, to authorize testimony and document production and representation of Senate employees in *Pointe Properties, Inc., et al. v. Michael J. Bevenour, et al.* **Pages S5525–26**

Universal Tobacco Settlement Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1415, to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of

a substitute (Amendment No. 2420), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2433 (to Amendment No. 2420), to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers.

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Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2434 (to Amendment No. 2420), in the nature of a substitute.

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Gramm Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith, with Amendment No. 2436, to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers, and to eliminate the marriage penalty reflected in the standard deduction and to ensure the earned income credit takes into account the elimination of such penalty.

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Daschle (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2437 (to Amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underage tobacco usage.

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Daschle (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2438 (to Amendment No. 2437), of a perfecting nature.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

Nuclear Waste Policy Act—Cloture Vote Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, with a cloture vote to occur thereon at 6 p.m.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Rosemary S. Pooler, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Chester J. Straub, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:23 p.m. until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 2, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5526.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BANKRUPTCY REFORM: HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings on S. 1914, to provide reforms to the business provisions of the bankruptcy code, focusing on Title I, to provide new protections for patients of hospitals and HMOs and nursing homes that declare bankruptcy, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Prince, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Keith J. Shapiro, Holleb & Coff, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the American Bankruptcy Institute; Deborah L. Fish, Mallard & Fish, Detroit, Michigan; and Charles N. Kahn, Health Insurance Association of America, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session. It will next meet on Wednesday, June 3.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D504)

H.R. 3301, to amend chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of the Treasury greater discretion with regard to the placement of the required inscriptions on quarter dollars issued under the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program. Signed May 29, 1998. (P.L. 105–176)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 2 through 6, 1998

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1415 Universal Tobacco Settlement Act, and vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will not be in session.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1415, Universal Tobacco Settlement Act, and may resume consideration of S. 2057, DOD Authorizations.

Senate will also consider any conference reports, when available, and consider any cleared legislative or executive business.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, June 2, 1998*, 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 Appropriations: June 2, Subcommittee on Defense, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

June 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine preparedness for epidemics and bioterrorism, 2 p.m., SD–138.

June 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

June 4, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, proposed legislation making appropriations for