

Friday, June 5, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to H. Con. Res. 284, Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5665–S5735

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2135–2142, S.J. Res. 49, and S. Res. 244. Page S5694

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1275, to implement further the Act (Public Law 94–241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–201)

S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–202)

H.R. 1460, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot. (S. Rept. No. 105–203)

S. 2137, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105–204)

S. 2069, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held in trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–205)

S. 2138, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–206)

S. 1279, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to provide for the transfer of services and personnel from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of Self-Governance, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–207)

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Measures Passed:

Tiananmen Square Massacre Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 244, expressing the sense of the Senate on the ninth anniversary of the massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators on Tiananmen Square by military forces acting under orders from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

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Felony Violations for Failure to Pay Child Support: Senate passed H.R. 3811, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations, clearing the measure for the President.

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Universal Tobacco Settlement Act: Senate continued 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. 2433), 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. **Page S5670**

Lott (for Coverdell) Modified Amendment No. 2451 (to Amendment No. 2437), to stop illegal drugs from entering the United States, to provide additional resources to combat illegal drugs, and to establish disincentives for teenagers to use illegal drugs. **Pages S5670-81**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2440) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Wednesday, June 10, 1998. **Page S5673**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, June 9, 1998.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard W. Roberts, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S5734-35**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. Raymar, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. **Page S5735**

Messages From the House: **Pages S5693-94**

Measures Referred: **Page S5694**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5701-31**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 9, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee continued closed hearings to examine the investigation of the impacts to United States national security from advanced satellite technology exports to China and Chinese efforts to influence U.S. policy, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, June 10.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3998-4014; 1 private bill, H.R. 4015; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 287, and H. Res. 459-460, were introduced. **Pages H4240-41**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, amended (H. Rept. 105-568); and

Committee on Resources report entitled "Abuse of Power: the Hardrock Bonding Rule" (H. Rept. 105-569); and

H.R. 3849, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a national policy against Federal and State regulation of Internet access and online services, and to exercise congressional jurisdiction over interstate and foreign commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that

would interfere with the free flow of commerce conducted over the Internet, amended (H. Rept. 105-570 Part 1). **Page H4240**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4167**

User Fee Bill: The House failed to pass H.R. 3989, to provide for the enactment of user fees proposed by the President in his budget submission under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 1999 by a recorded vote of 421 yeas with none voting "aye" and 1 voting "present", Roll No. 207. **Pages H4167-88**

Rejected the Moakley motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that specifies certain user fees to be enacted by a yeas and nays vote of 416 yeas with none voting "yea" and 1 voting "present," Roll No. 206. **Pages H4185-87**