

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6001–S6129*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2152–2155, S.J. Res. 50 and 51, S. Res. 246, and S. Con. Res. 103.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 2614, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–208)

H. Con. Res. 131, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the ocean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–209)

S.J. Res. 41, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital. (S. Rept. No. 105–210)

S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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### Measures Passed:

**Senate Chamber Photograph:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. Page S6115

**International Year of the Ocean:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 131, acknowledging 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean and expressing these sense of the Congress regarding the ocean, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Federal Reports Elimination Act:** Senate passed S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Collins (for Levin/McCain) Amendment No. 2570, to provide for additional reports. Pages S6226–27

**Indian Mineral Leasing:** Senate passed S. 2069, to permit the mineral leasing of Indian land located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in any case in which there is consent from a majority interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S6127

**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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### Adopted:

Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2686 (to Amendment No. 2437), to eliminate the marriage penalty reflected in the standard deduction, to ensure the earned income credit takes into account the elimination of such penalty, and to provide a full deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals. (By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 154), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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### Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 2688 (to Amendment No. 2437), to provide a deduction for two-earner married couples, and to allow self-employed individuals a 100-percent deduction for health care insurance costs. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 155), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S6031–33

### 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. **Page S6001**

Daschle (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2437 (to Amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underage tobacco usage. **Page S6001**

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

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No.153), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2440). **Page S6001-02**

A vote on a third cloture motion will occur Thursday, June 11, 1998.

**U.S. Holocaust Assets Commissions Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1900, to establish a commission to examine issues pertaining to the disposition of Holocaust-era assets in the United States before, during, and after World War II, and to make recommendations to the President on further action, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S6127-29**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S6054-S6111**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—155) **Pages S6001-02, S6031, S6033**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 9:45 p.m., on Thursday, June 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6129.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings to examine economic issues facing the red meat industry, including production, price and profit prospects for cattle, hog and sheep producers, and trends in export markets, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, Department of Agriculture; David C. Nelson, Credit Suisse First Boston, New York, New York; Richard Kjerstad, South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, Huron, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; George Swan, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Donna Reifschneider, Smithton, Illinois, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Lorin Moench Jr., American Sheep Industry Association, Englewood, Colorado; Leland Swenson, National Farmers Union, Aurora, Colorado; J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; and Herman Schumacher, Herried, South Dakota.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., Linda W. Cropp, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer, District of Columbia Public Schools, and Camille Barnett, Chief Management Officer, City of the District of Columbia, all of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### YEAR 2000 READINESS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine federal efforts to promote Year 2000 readiness in the securities industry, the capital markets, and their underlying industries, including the Securities and Exchange Commission's guidance as to what public companies should consider when disclosing information about their Year 2000 readiness, after receiving testimony from Laura