

Friday, June 12, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6273-S6307

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2168-2169. **Page S6295**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1104, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. (S. Rept. No. 105-214)

S. 2038, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-215)

S. 2168, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105-216)

S. 887, to establish in the National Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program. (S. Rept. No. 105-217) **Page S6295**

Measures Passed:

Commemorating U.S.-Philippines Relations: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 235, commemorating 100 years of relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippines, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S6289-90**

Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1853, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6306-07**

Hagel (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 2704, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6306**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Jeffords,

Coats, Gregg, Frist, DeWine, Enzi, Hutchinson, Collins, Warner, McConnell, Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, and Reed. **Pages S6306-07**

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. 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 S6276**

Daschle (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2437 (to Amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underage tobacco usage. **Page S6276**

Reed Amendment No. 2702 (to Amendment No. 2437), to disallow tax deductions for advertising, promotional, and marketing expenses relating to tobacco product use unless certain requirements are met. **Pages S6276-89**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, June 15, 1998.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Wilma A. Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years. **Page S6307**

Measures Placed on Calendar:	Page S6306
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:56 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, June 15, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6307.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UTILITY INDUSTRY YEAR 2000 READINESS

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee held hearings to examine the readiness of

the utility industry, including electric, oil, and natural gas utilities, and the role of the Federal Government in facilitating an information exchange on Year 2000 best practices and shared experiences among those in the industry, receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Moler, Deputy Secretary, and James J. Hoecker, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; John Koskinen, Chairman, President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion; Louis J. Marcoccia, MTS/PeopleSource, Selden, New York; Michehl R. Gent, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey; Charles Siebenthal, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; James A. Rubright, Sonat, Inc., Birmingham, Alabama, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; and Gary W. Gardner, American Gas Association, Arlington, Virginia. Committee recessed subject to call.