

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed 8 measures under suspension of the rules including H.R. 3156, to present a Congressional Gold Medal to Nelson Mandela.

House Committee ordered reported the following Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999; Energy and Water Development; Military Construction; and Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration, and related Agencies.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6357-S6432

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2170-2180, and S. Res. 249. Page S6405

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Chicago Bulls: Senate agreed to S. Res. 249, to congratulate the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1998 National Basketball Association Championship. Pages S6429-30

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: Pages S6364-98

Adopted:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays, 2 responding present (Vote No. 160), Gorton Modified Amendment No. 2705 (to Amendment No. 2437), to limit attorneys' fees. Pages S6364-81

Pending:

Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2433 (to Amendment No. 2420), to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers. Page S6364

Gregg/Leahy Amendment No. 2434 (to Amendment No. 2433), in the nature of a substitute. Page S6364

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. Pages S6364-98

Daschle (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2437 (to Amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underage tobacco usage. Pages S6364-98

Ford Amendment No. 2707 (to Amendment No. 2437), to provide assistance for eligible producers experiencing losses of farm income during the 1997 through 2004 crop years. Pages S6383-98

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 17, 1998.

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S6424-26

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—160) Page S6381

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6431.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance programs, after receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Louis Caldera, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, and Daryl L. Jones, of Florida, to be Secretary of the Air Force, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Caldera was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Mr. Jones was introduced by Senators Mack, Graham, and Cochran, and Representative Foley.

PARENTAL ADVISORY LABELS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the effectiveness of advisory labels to inform consumers and parents of violent, racist, or sexual music content, receiving testimony from Charlie Gilreath, *Entertainment Monitor*, Los Angeles, California; Debbie Pelley, Westside Middle School, Jonesboro, Arkansas; Krist Novoselic, Joint Artists and Music Promotions Action Committee, Seattle, Washington; George Gerbner, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Barbara P. Wyatt, Parents' Music Resource Center, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ENERGY AND WATER PROJECTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded hearings on the following bills:

H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa, H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 9248 in the State of Colorado, and H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project in Kentucky, after receiving testimony from Kristina Nygaard, Assistant General Counsel, Hydroelectric Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

S. 2087, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent

to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District in Arizona, after receiving testimony from William J. Snape, III, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.; and Wade Noble, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, Yuma, Arizona;

S. 2142, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, after receiving testimony from Steve Pargin, Pine River Irrigation District, Bayfield, Colorado;

S. 2140, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project, after receiving testimony from Mary Hoddinott, Denver Water Board, Denver, Colorado; and

S. 2041, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water, after receiving testimony from Diane Taniguchi-Dennis, on behalf of the City of Salem, Oregon.

Testimony was also received on S. 2087, S. 2142, S. 2140, S. 2041 (all listed above), and S. 1398, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, from Eluid L. Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

PANAMA CANAL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine United States interests in the Panama Canal, focusing on the transition from U.S. to Panamanian operation of the Canal pursuant to the Carter-Torrijos treaties ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1978, receiving testimony from Representative Barr; Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN (Ret.), former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Mark Falcoff, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Robert A. Pastor, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Carter Center.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Shirley Elizabeth Barnes, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, William Davis Clarke, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea,