

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 12 sundry measures, including the following appropriations for fiscal year 1999: Defense; and Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2181-2186, and S. Res. 250.

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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.

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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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Ford Modified 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.

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

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 161), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 2420).

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By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 162), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of the bill. Subsequently, a point of order that the bill was in violation of section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and pursuant to section 312(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Energy and Water Development Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 2138, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, June 18, 1998.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ida L. Castro, of New York, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2003.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Coast Guard.

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Communications:

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S6498–99
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Additional Statements: Pages S6500–05
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—162) Page S6479, S6481

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6505.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

JUNK E-MAIL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, and related proposals to regulate the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail, including S. 771, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski and Torricelli; Sheila Anthony, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Randall Boe, America Online, Dulles, Virginia; and Jerry Cerasale, Direct Marketing Association, Ray Everett-Church, Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email, and Dierdre Mulligan, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1253, to provide to the Federal land management agencies the authority and capability to manage effectively the federal lands in accordance with the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural

Resources and the Environment; Fran Cherry, Acting Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mary Munson, Defenders of Wildlife, Rene Voss, Earth Island Institute, and Steve Holmer, Western Ancient Forest Campaign, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bethanie Walder, Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads, Missoula, Montana.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on H.R. 1432 and S. 778, bills to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Representatives Crane and Rangel; Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; J. Patrick Danahy, Cone Mills Corporation, Greensboro, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute; Karen Fedorko, MAST Industries, Inc., Andover, Massachusetts; Robert Johnson, Black Entertainment Television, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Levinson, AFL-CIO, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide; to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council, after receiving testimony from Richard Land, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Felice D. Gaer, Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights/American Jewish Committee, New York, New York; John N. Akers, East Gates Ministries International, Montreat, North Carolina; William R. O'Brien, Global Center/Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama; and Rt. Rev. Munawar Rumlshah, Beshawar, Pakistan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2176, to amend sections 3345 through 3349 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as