

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4354, to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1385, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9521-S9670

Measures Introduced: Thirty one bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2395-2425 and S. Res. 264-267. **Pages S9555-56**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2400, to authorize the negotiation of reciprocal trade agreements, implement certain trade agreements, extend trade preferences to certain developing countries, extend the trade adjustment assistance programs, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105-280)

S. 263, to prohibit the import, export, sale, purchase, possession, transportation, acquisition, and receipt of bear viscera or products that contain or claim to contain bear viscera, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-281)

S. 361, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to prohibit the sale, import, and export of products labeled as containing endangered species, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-282)

S. 659, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Restoration Study Report, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-283)

S. 1970, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-284)

S. 2094, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978 to enable the Secretary of the Interior to more effectively use the proceeds of sales of certain items, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-285) **Page S9555**

Measures Passed:

Postal Employees Safety Enhancement Act: Senate passed S. 2112, to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the United States Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer. **Pages S9528-30**

Robert C. Weaver Federal Building: Senate passed S. 1700, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Robert C. Weaver Federal Building". **Pages S9530-31**

Commending the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, commending the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program on its 50th Anniversary and expressing the sense of the Senate regarding continuation of the program into the 21st century. **Pages S9627-28**

DePaul University Centennial: Senate agreed to S. Res. 266, honoring the centennial of the founding of DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. **Pages S9628-29**

Health Education Partnerships Act: Senate passed S. 1754, to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health professions and disadvantaged health education programs, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature

of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gordon (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3485, to initiate a coordinated national effort to prevent, detect, and educate the public concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and to identify effective interventions for children, adolescents, and adults with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect.

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Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Senate passed S. 2375, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, and to strengthen prohibitions on international bribery and other corrupt practices.

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Technology Administration Authorization: Senate passed S. 1325, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Gordon (for Frist) Amendment No. 3486, to make minor and technical corrections.

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Gordon (for McCain) Amendment No. 3488, relating to environmental technology providers.

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Fastener Quality Act Exemption: Senate passed H.R. 3824, amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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International Obligations: Senate passed S.J. Res. 54, finding the Government of Iraq in unacceptable and material breach of its international obligations, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gordon (for Lott) Amendment No. 3489, in the nature of a substitute.

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Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact: Senate passed S.J. Res. 51, granting the consent of Congress to the Potomac Highlands Airport Authority Compact entered into between the States of Maryland and West Virginia.

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Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement: Senate passed S.J. Res. 35, granting the consent of Congress to the Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement.

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Alabama Fish Hatchery/Aquacultural Research Center: Senate passed S. 1883, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Marion National Fish Hatchery and the Claude Harris National

Aquacultural Research Center to the State of Alabama.

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JFK Center for the Performing Arts Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 3504, 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, clearing the measure for the President.

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DC Convention Center/Sports Arena Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 4237, to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such Act, clearing the measure for the President.

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American GI Forum Charter: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1759, to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gordon (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3490, of a technical nature.

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Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 643, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Emergency Famine Relief: Senate agreed to S. Res. 267, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President, acting through the United States Agency for International Development, should more effectively secure emergency famine relief for the people of Sudan.

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U.S. Capitol Police Memorial Fund: Senate passed H.R. 4354, to establish the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund on behalf of the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police, clearing the measure for the President.

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Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon on Tuesday, September 1, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

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Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Consent Act Conference Report—

Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. **Page S9670**

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1999—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2334, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, on Tuesday, September 1, 1998. **Page S9670**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through the various parliamentary stages up to and including presentation of resolutions of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business, with one declaration and three provisos. (Treaty Doc. 105-43) **Pages S9668-69**

Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Page S9670**

Authorities: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S9670**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the Arab League Boycott of Israel; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-154). **Page S9554**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Dan A. Polster, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Kim McLean Wardlaw, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Robert G. James, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, vice John M. Shaw, retired.

Keith C. Kelly, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Deborah K. Kilmer, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Ralph E. Tyson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Richard Nelson Swett, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Neal F. Lane, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Arthur Louis Schechter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Clyde J. Hart, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, vice Albert J. Herberger, resigned.

Raner Christercunean Collins, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs.

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Elizabeth Bresee, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

James Howard Holmes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

John Bruce Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon.

Barbara Pedersen Holum, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2002.

Charles F. Kartman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Korean Peace Talks.

William B. Milam, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of Energy.

Charles R. Rawls, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring June 19, 2001.

Howard Hikaru Tagomori, of Hawaii, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.

Paul M. Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Terrence L. Bracy, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy for a term expiring October 6, 2004.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Michael D. Schattman, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, which was sent to the Senate on March 21, 1997.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and, in accordance with S. Con. Res. 114, adjourned at 2:28 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, August 31, 1998.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Charles R. Rawls, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel, and Keith C. Kelly, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture; and James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, and Barbara Pedersen Holum, of Maryland, both to be Commissioners of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rawls was introduced by Senator Faircloth, Mr. Newsome was introduced by Senators Lott and Cochran, and Mr. Kelly was introduced by Senators Burns and Baucus.

MANDATORY ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine issues relating to mandatory, binding arbitration of employment disputes in the securities industry, and proposed legislation to ensure that an employer cannot use their superior bargaining power to coerce their employees to capitulate to an agreement which diminishes their civil rights protections, after receiving testimony from Senator Feingold; Representative Markey; Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., Commissioner, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Linda D. Fienberg, National Association of Securities Dealers, Stuart J. Kaswell, Securities Industry Association, and Elizabeth Toledo, National Organization for Women, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert E. Meade, American Arbitration Association, and Samuel Estreicher, New York University School of Law, both of New York, New York; and Cliff Palefsky, McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the National Employment Lawyers' Association.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the moral, ethical, and medical implications of physician assisted suicide, and S. 2151, to clarify Federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual, focusing on the use of controlled substances and the Federal Government's role in the practice of medicine, receiving testimony from Senators Nickles, Wyden, and Gordon Smith; Joseph N. Onek, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, and Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; Ralph P. Miech, Brown University School of Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island; Joanne Lynn, Americans for Better Care of the Dying, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Geriatrics Society; Walter R. Hunter, Hospice of Michigan, Southfield; Harold C. Sox, Jr., Lebanon, New Hampshire, on behalf of the American College of Physicians/American Society of Internal Medicine; Andrew I. Batavia, Florida International University, North Miami; and Gayle Hafner, Not Dead Yet, Texas, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: On Thursday, July 30, committee ordered favorably reported S. 2213, to allow all States to participate in activities under the Education Flexibility Partnership