

Tuesday, September 1, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9715–S9805

Measures Introduced: Two bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2429 and 2430, S.J. Res. 55, and S. Res. 268 and 269. **Page S9782**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 624, to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce. (S. Rept. No. 105–297)

Report to accompany S.J. Res. 40 and H.J. Res. 54, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. (S. Rept. No. 105–298) **Page S9782**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Little League World Series Champions: Senate agreed to S. Res. 268, congratulating the Toms River East American Little League team of Toms River, New Jersey, for winning the Little League World Series. **Pages S9751–53**

Travel and Transportation Reform: Senate passed H.R. 930, to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S9802–05**

Authorizing Production of Senate Documents: Senate agreed to S. Res. 269, to authorize production of Senate documents and representation by Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Rose Larker, et al. v. Kevin A. Carias-Herrera, et al. **Page S9805**

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1999: Senate began consideration of S. 2334, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S9719–33, S9739–72**

Adopted:

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3492, relating to energy programs aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. **Pages S9722–23**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3493, relating to activities that reduce vulnerability to climate change. **Pages S9722–23**

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3494, to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S9723–24**

McConnell (for Lugar) Amendment No. 3495, to provide a limited waiver for certain foreign students of the requirement to reimburse local educational agencies for the costs of the students' education. **Page S9724**

Durbin Amendment No. 3496, to allocate funds available for activities pursuant to the Microenterprise Initiative. **Page S9725**

Durbin Amendment No. 3497, to express the sense of the Senate regarding United States citizens imprisoned in Peru. **Pages S9726–27**

Durbin Amendment No. 3498, to require a report on the training provided to foreign military personnel in the United States during fiscal years 1998 and 1999. **Pages S9727–28**

McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 3499, to earmark funds for a hydraulic drilling machine to provide potable drinking water in the region of the Nuba Mountains in Sudan. **Page S9728**

Leahy (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3502, to provide for progress reports to Congress on efforts to update the architecture of the international monetary system. **Pages S9728–29**

Leahy (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 3503, to express the sense of the Congress regarding international cooperation in recovering children abducted in the United States and taken to other countries.

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McConnell (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 3504, to require the purchase of American agriculture commodities with funds made available through this bill and to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report annually on federal efforts to purchase American agriculture commodities.

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McConnell (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 3505, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States executive directors of international financial institutions to use the voice and vote on the United States to support the purchase of American agricultural commodities.

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By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 254), Specter Amendment No. 3506, to provide funding for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Preparatory Commission.

Pages S9731–33, S9739, S9753–54, S9769–71

Feinstein/McConnell Amendment No. 3507, to state United States support for a peaceful economic and political transition in Indonesia.

Pages S9739–40, S9744

Feinstein/McConnell Amendment No. 3508, to condemn the rape of ethnic Chinese women in Indonesia and the May 1998 riots in Indonesia.

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Gorton Amendment No. 3509, to express the sense of the Congress regarding IMF response to the economic crisis in Russia.

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McConnell (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3510, to establish a prohibition on assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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McConnell (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 3511, to prohibit assistance to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation.

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McConnell (for Lott) Amendment No. 3512, to provide support for the conduct of activities by the Iraqi democratic opposition inside Iraq.

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McConnell (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3513, relating to the trafficking of women and children.

Pages S9745–51

McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3514, to express the sense of the Congress that information relevant to the December 2, 1980 assault and murder of four American churchwomen in El Salvador should be made public to the fullest extent possible and that circumstances under which any individuals involved in either the murders or the cover-up of the murders obtained residence in the United States be reviewed by the Attorney General.

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McConnell (for Dodd/Harkin) Amendment No. 3515, to require a consolidated report on all U.S. military training provided to foreign military personnel.

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McConnell (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 3516, to express the sense of the Congress on the trial in the Netherlands of the suspects indicted in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

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McConnell (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3517, relating to the development of a new strategy for United States bilateral assistance for Nigeria.

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McConnell (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 3518, to improve the prohibition on United States arms export transactions to foreign governments that do not cooperate fully with United States antiterrorism efforts.

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Smith (of Oregon) Amendment No. 3520, to express the sense of Congress regarding efforts to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

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Smith (of Oregon) Amendment No. 3521, to express the sense of Congress regarding sanctions against Serbia-Montenegro.

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McConnell (for Brownback) Amendment No. 3524, to make available assistance for Georgia for infrastructure for secure communications and surveillance systems.

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McConnell (for Bond) Amendment No. 3525, to require a report on Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction.

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Pending:

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 3491, to provide that the Export Import Bank shall not disburse direct loans, loan guarantees, insurance, or tied aid grants or credits for enterprises or programs in the New Independent States which are majority owned or managed by state entities.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 3366, to require a certification that the signing of the Landmine Convention is consistent with the combat requirements and safety of the armed forces of the United States.

Pages S9758–64

Kyl Amendment No. 3522, to establish conditions for the use of quota resources of the International Monetary Fund.

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Coats Amendment No. 3523, to reallocate funds provided to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization to be available only for antiterrorism assistance.

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McCain Modified Amendment No. 3500, to restrict the availability of certain funds for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization unless an additional condition is met.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain further amendments to be proposed to the bill.

Military Construction Appropriations, 1999—Conference Report: By 87 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate agreed to 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, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S9715–19

Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. Pages S9772–82

Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on Wednesday, September 2, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon.

Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Military Construction Appropriations, 1999: Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of S. 2160, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Page S9805

Measures Referred: Page S9782

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S9782–88

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S9788–90

Amendments Submitted: Pages S9790–97

Authority for Committees: Page S9797

Additional Statements: Pages S9797–S9802

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—254). Pages S9719, S9771

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 8:20 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, September 2, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9805.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

MASS MAIL FRAUD

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the use of misleading direct mail marketing practices, focusing on S. 2141, to require certain notices in any mailing using a game of chance for the promotion of a product or service, after receiving testimony from Senator Campbell; Kenneth J. Hunter, Chief Postal Inspector, United States Postal Inspection Service; Florida Attorney General Robert A. Butterworth, Tallahassee; Michigan Assistant Attorney General in Charge Stanley F. Pruss, Lansing; Richard A. Barton, Direct Marketing Association, Washington, D.C.; and William E. Arnold, Arizona State University, Tempe.

COUNTER-TERRORISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information met in closed session to receive a briefing on the recent bombings of the American embassies in Nairobi and Dar Es Salaam and the United States response from Richard Clarke, Senior Director, National Security Council/National Coordinator for Counter-terrorism. Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence held hearings to examine recommendations and strategies on how to prevent juvenile crime through early intervention and law enforcement programs, receiving testimony from Judge David E. Grossmann, Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Cincinnati, Ohio, on behalf of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Harry L. Shorstein, Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Jacksonville; George L. Kelling, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Ronald D. Stephens, National School Safety Center, Westlake Village, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 9.

Committee Meetings

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China: Met in executive session to receive briefings on pending business.

Will continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine activities of the National Constitution Center, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on the nomination of Jane E. Henney, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, executive, to continue to receive briefings on pending business, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 27 through July 31, 1998

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	106	84	..
Time in session	845 hrs., 29'	722 hrs., 24'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	9714	7431	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1647	..
Public bills enacted into law	26	55	81
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	11	13	..
Measures passed, total	246	350	596
Senate bills	68	28	..
House bills	66	161	..
Senate joint resolutions	3	1	..
House joint resolutions	2	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	24	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	16	32	..
Simple resolutions	67	118	..
Measures reported, total	197	264	461
Senate bills	128	4	..
House bills	36	165	..
Senate joint resolutions	7	..	..
House joint resolutions	1	4	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	8	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	1	9	..
Simple resolutions	16	82	..
Special reports	15	7	..
Conference reports .....	..	9	..
Measures pending on calendar	219	74	..
Measures introduced, total	1,027	1,764	2,791
Bills	863	1,433	..
Joint resolutions	15	21	..
Concurrent resolutions	45	125	..
Simple resolutions	104	185	..
Quorum calls	2	13	..
Yea-and-nay votes	252	168	..
Recorded votes .....	..	235	..
Bills vetoed	1	2	..
Vetoes overridden	1	2	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 27 through July 31, 1998

Civilian nominations totaling 375 (including 124 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		172
Unconfirmed		179
Withdrawn		24
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 1,167 (including 86 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		721
Unconfirmed		446
Air Force nominations, totaling 4,647 (including 21 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		4,625
Unconfirmed		22
Army nominations, totaling 3,741 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		3,643
Unconfirmed		98
Navy nominations, totaling 1,769 (including 4 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,075
Unconfirmed		694
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,845, disposed of as follows:		
Confirmed		1,844
Unconfirmed		1
<i>Summary</i>		
Total nominations carried over from the First Session		237
Total nominations received this session		13,307
Total confirmed		12,080
Total unconfirmed		1,440
Total withdrawn		24

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Wednesday, September 2

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, September 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of one Senator for a speech, Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will resume consideration of S. 2334, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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