

Monday, September 14, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10269-S10330

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2463-2468. Page S10320

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2213, to allow all States to participate in activities under the Education Flexibility Partnership Demonstration Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-327)

S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105-328)

S. 1719, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co., with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-329)

S. 2106, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105-330)

H.R. 3830, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah. (S. Rept. No. 105-331)

S. 2364, to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 105-332)

S. 2463, to provide authorities with respect to the transfer of excess defense articles and the transfer of naval vessels under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act. (S. Rept. No. 105-333) Page S10320

Interior Appropriations, 1999: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2237, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, tak-

ing action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10283-S10304, S10309-13, S10315-18

Adopted:

Gorton (for Campbell) Amendment No. 3582, to strike provisions regarding use of highway trust funds. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton Amendment No. 3583, to require repayment of misused Federal funds by self-governance tribes. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton Amendment No. 3584, to adjust the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton Amendment No. 3585, to prohibit the use of funds for land acquisition at Texas Chenier Plain. Pages S10315, S10317

Gorton (for Hollings) Amendment No. 3586, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. Pages S10315-17

Gorton (for Mikulski/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 3587, relating to a land exchange in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Maryland. Pages S10315-17

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3588, regarding wildland fire management in Alaska. Pages S10315-17

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3589, providing for an exchange of land at Katmai National Park. Pages S10315-17

Gorton (for Wyden) Amendment No. 3590, to provide that the Bureau of Land Management may enter into watershed restoration and enhancement agreements with the same entities and for the same purposes as is provided in section 323 of the bill for Forest Service agreements. Pages S10315, S10317

Rejected:

Harkin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3580, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. (By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10285-S10304, S10309-13

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 3581, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. Page S10313

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. Page S10329

Truth in Employment Act: Senate considered the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1981, to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act. Pages S10270–83, S10304–09

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 266), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S10309

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

Transmitting the report of United States participation in the United Nations for calendar year 1997; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–155). Page S10319

Transmitting the report on aeronautics and space for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–156). Page S10319

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Navy.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. Routine list in the Navy. Pages S10329–30

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267) Pages S10309, S10313

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10329.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NURSING HOME EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECK

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain safeguard measures for identifying people who may pose a possible threat of abuse and neglect to residents of nursing homes and other long-term-care facilities, after receiving testimony from Thomas D. Roslewicz, Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Claudia Stine, Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care, Madison; Kim D. Schmett, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, Des Moines; Lee Bitler, Country Meadows Corporation, Hershey, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; Richard D. Reichard, National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; Melissa Putnam, Beverly Manor, Reading, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Service Employees International Union; and Richard A. Meyer, Libertyville, Illinois.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4558–4565; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 326 and H. Res. 534, were introduced. Page H7690

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4309, to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture, amended (H. Rept. 105–709 part 1);

H.R. 3248, to provide dollars to the classroom, amended (H. Rept. 105–710);