

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10331–S10391

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2469–2476 and S. Res. 276 and 277. Page S10383

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–334) Page S10383

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, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10335–78, S10391

Adopted:

Enzi Amendment No. 3592, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming and to prohibit the Secretary from approving class III gaming without State approval. Pages S10356–71

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 3591, to strike provisions requiring a report from the National Academy of Sciences reviewing the adequacy of existing Federal and State environmental regulations applicable to exploration and mining on Federal lands. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10337–56

Ashcroft Amendment No. 3593, to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and to transfer available funds for the operation of the National Park System. (By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10371–78

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 3581, to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers. Page S10335

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. Page S10391

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—269) Pages S10355–56, S10378

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10391.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, for appointment to the grade of Admiral, and to be Commander-in-Chief of United States Pacific Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy, and Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Brown was introduced by Senator Warner and Representative Sherrod Brown, Mr. Hammerschmidt was introduced by Senators Warner and Hutchinson, Mr. Mineta was introduced by Senators Warner and Boxer, Mr. Conti was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and