

Thursday, September 17, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 128, making continuing appropriations for FY 1999.

House passed H.R. 4569, Foreign Operations Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10451–S10549*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2489–2496, and S. Res. 279 and 280. Pages S10517–18

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2107, to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–335)

H.R. 3303, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28 of the United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3494, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 256, to refer S. 2274 entitled “A bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico” to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon.

S. 1637, to expedite State review of criminal records of applicants for bail enforcement officer employment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1727, authorize the comprehensive independent study of the effects on trademark and intellectual property rights holders of adding new a generic top-level domains and related dispute resolution procedures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2392, to encourage the disclosure and exchange of information about computer processing problems and related matters in connection with the transition to the Year 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S10517

**Measures Passed:**

**Continuing Appropriations:** Senate passed H.J. Res. 128, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S10499–S10501

**Puerto Rico/U.S. Citizens:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 279, expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the right of the United States citizens in Puerto Rico to express their desires regarding their future political status. Pages S10501–08

**Indian Health Service Organization:** Senate passed S. 1770, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S10533–34

**Four Corners Monument Tribal Park:** Senate passed S. 1998, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park. Pages S10534–35

**Trademark Law Treaty:** Senate passed S. 2193, to implement the provisions of the Trademark Law Treaty, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S10535–36

Santorum (for Hatch/Leahy) Amendment No. 3601, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S10535–36

**Printing Senate Document:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 280, directing the printing as a Senate document of a compilation of material entitled “History of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee”. Page S10536

**U.S. Policy/Tibet:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 103, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the recommendations of the International Commission of Jurists on Tibet and on United States policy with regard to Tibet, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the WIPO Copyright Treaty and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2037, as passed by the Senate.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, and Leahy.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 2037 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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**Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorizations:** Senate passed H.R. 3874, to amend the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, and to extend certain authorities contained in those Acts through fiscal year 2003, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2286, Senate companion measure.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, Harkin, and Leahy.

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Subsequently, S. 2286 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

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**Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1301, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Grassley/Durbin Amendment No. 3595 (to Amendment No. 3559), relating to credit card disclaimers, reaffirmation agreements, and miscellaneous bankruptcy changes.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified by unanimous-consent.

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Reed Amendment No. 3596 (to Amendment No. 3559), to prohibit creditors from terminating or re-

fusing to renew an extension of credit because the consumer did not incur finance charges. (By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 273), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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By a unanimous vote of 89 yeas (Vote No. 276), Hatch Amendment No. 3600 (to Amendment No. 3559), to provide for protection of retirement savings.

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Rejected:

D'Amato Amendment No. 3597 (to Amendment No. 3559), to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines. (By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 275), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Dodd Amendment No. 3598 (to Amendment No. 3559), to amend the Truth in Lending Act with respect to extensions of credit to consumers under the age of 21. (By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 274), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and an amendment to be proposed thereto, on Tuesday, September 22, 1998.

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**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—Veto Message:** Senate began consideration of the veto message accompanying H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the veto message on Friday, September 18, 1998, with a vote on the question, "Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding", to occur thereon at 9:30 a.m.

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**Child Custody Protection Act:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1645, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, on Friday, September 18, 1998.

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

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–158).

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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Record Votes:	Four record votes were taken today. (Total—276)                      Pages S10459, S10472–73, S10509

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, September 18, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10544–45.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings to examine United States policy regarding the transfer of satellite and missile technology to China, focusing on United States space infrastructure, receiving testimony from Representative Weldon; John D. Holum, Acting Under Secretary of State for International Security Affairs; Franklin C. Miller, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Threat Reduction; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Katherine V. Schinasi, Associate Director, Defense Acquisitions Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; and Paul Wolfowitz, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Johns Hopkins University, Paul Freedenberg, Baker & Botts, and Henry Sokolski, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, and T. J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Energy, and Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Groat was introduced by Senator Breaux.

### PARKS/HISTORIC SITES/RECREATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1175, to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission for 10 additional years, S. 1641, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study alternatives for establishing a national historic trail to commemorate and interpret the history of women's rights in the United States, S. 1960, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, S. 2086, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, S. 2133, to designate former United States Route 66 as "America's Main Street" and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance, S. 2239, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, S. 2240, to establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, S. 2241, to provide for the acquisition of lands formerly occupied by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family at Hyde Park, New York, and for other purposes, S. 2246, to amend the Act which established the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by modifying the boundary, S. 2247, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the U.S. Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, S. 2248, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a state or political subdivision, when required by state law, S. 2285, to establish a commission, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, to further protect sites of importance in the historic efforts to secure equal rights for women, S. 2297, to provide for the distribution of certain publications in units of the National Park System under a sales agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a private contractor, S. 2309, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, S. 2401, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to Valley Forge National Historical Park, H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, after receiving testimony from Destry Jarvis, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.