

Tuesday, September 22, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10673–S10738

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2506–2511, and S. Con. Res. 119–120. **Page S10722**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3069, to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–342)

S. 1385, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service connected with respect to radiation-exposed veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–343)

S. 1822, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize provision of care to veterans treated with nasopharyngeal radium irradiation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–344) **Pages S10722**

Measures Passed:

Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 326, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol on September 23, 1998, for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. **Pages S10732–33**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 259, designating the week beginning September 20, 1998, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10733**

Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act: Senate passed S. 1397, to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10733–37**

Grassley (for Helms/Glenn) Amendment No. 3613, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1999 through 2004. **Page S10735**

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:

Feingold/Specter Amendment No. 3565 (to Amendment No. 3559), to provide for a waiver of filing fees in certain bankruptcy cases. (By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S10673, S10698–99**

Rejected:

Feingold/Specter Amendment No. 3602 (to Amendment No. 3559), to ensure payment of trustees’ costs under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, of abuse motions, without encouraging conflicts of interest between attorneys and clients. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10673, S10697–98**

Reed Amendment No. 3610 (to Amendment No. 3559), relating to court considerations with respect to dismissal or conversion. (By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 281), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3540 (to Amendment No. 3559), to increase the Federal minimum wage. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10674–97**

Pending:

Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10673**

By unanimous consent, Amendment No. 3595, as modified, agreed to on September 17, 1998, was further modified. **Pages S10712–13**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 23, 1998. **Pages S10737**

Child Custody Protection Act—Cloture Vote: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 282), 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 committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to 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.

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Federal Vacancies Reform Act—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2176, to amend sections 3345 through 3349 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Vacancies Act”) to clarify statutory requirements relating to vacancies in and appointments to certain Federal offices and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, September 24, 1998.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security).

David Michaels, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health).

William B. Bader, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the United States Information Agency.

Vivian Lowery Derryck, an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2003.

Susan E. Rice, an Assistant Secretary of State, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2003.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Gordon Davidson, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004.

Cleo Parker Robinson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004.

Aleta A. Trauger, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—282) Pages S10697–99, S10701, S10703–04

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 23, 1998. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on pages S10737–38.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MIND/BODY MEDICINE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the clinical applications of mind and body medicine and its effects on health care costs, after receiving testimony from Norman Anderson, Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Herbert Benson, Mind/Body Medical Institute/Harvard University Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; and Harold G. Koenig, Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health/Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard Danzig, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary, Stephen W. Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Herbert Lee Buchanan III, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Navy, Bernard Daniel Rostker, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, 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 Linwood Holton, of Virginia, and Amy M. Rosen, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Reform