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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Wendell H. Ford National Air Transportation System Improvement Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10945–S11006

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 2520. Page S10986

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3412, to amend and make technical corrections in title III of the Small Business Investment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–347)

H.R. 3853, to promote drug-free workplace programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–348)

H.R. 2402, to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve management of water-related facilities in the Western United States, with amendments.

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.

H.R. 2623, to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the “Ray J. Favre Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2798, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 2419 West Monroe Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Nancy B. Jefferson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2799, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 324 South Laramie Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Reverend Milton R. Brunson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas, with an amendment.

H.R. 3808, to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, as the “Carl D. Pursell Post Office”.

H.R. 3810, to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the “James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office”.

H.R. 3939, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3999, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the “David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California.

H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land.

S. 736, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 744, to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a non-profit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments.

S. 777, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments.

S. 991, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996.

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, with an amendment.

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, with an amendment.

S. 2041, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water.

S. 2086, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments.

S. 2133, to designate former United States Route 66 as "America's Main Street" and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2136, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Washington, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2140, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project.

S. 2142, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2239, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas Monument.

S. 2240, to establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with amendments.

S. 2241, to provide for the acquisition of lands formerly occupied by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family at Hyde Park, New York.

S. 2246, to amend the Act which established the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes.

S. 2247, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the U.S. Park Police in the per-

formance 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. 2257, to reauthorize the National Historic Preservation Act, with amendments.

S. 2284, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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. 2310, to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building".

S. 2370, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at Tall Timbers Village Square, United States Highway 19 South, in Thomasville, Georgia, as the "Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper Station".

S. 2401, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to Valley Forge National Historical Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2404, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City, and Miami, Florida.

S. 2468, to designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park, with an amendment.

S. 2500, to protect the sanctity of contracts and leases entered into by surface patent holders with respect to coalbed methane gas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Wendell H. Ford National Air Transportation System Improvement Act: By 92 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 288), Senate passed H.R. 4057, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu

thereof the text of S. 2279, Senate companion measure, as amended.

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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 McCain, Stevens, Gorton, Hollings, and Ford.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service Employees: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. 2511, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by the employees, and the measure was then passed.

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Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 4382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for mammography quality standards, clearing the measure for the President.

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Internet Tax Freedom Act—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 442, to establish a national policy against State and local government interference with interstate commerce on the Internet or interactive computer services, and to exercise Congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet 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 Tuesday, September 29, 1998.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Stephen W. Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Herbert Lee Buchanan III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

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

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of Chief of the Air Force Reserve, United States Air Force.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

42 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

George M. Langford, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Joseph A. Miller, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Maxine L. Savitz, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Luis Sequeria, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Chang-Lin Tien, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—288)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:28 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 28, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11002–03.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY FORCES OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the world wide threat