

Tuesday, September 29, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to DOD Appropriations Conference Report/Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report/ and Higher Education Authorizations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11069–S11134

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2525–2531, and S. Con. Res. 121.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 4342, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–356)

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Measures Passed:

Designation of Mark McGwire Interstate Route 70: Senate passed S. 2531, to designate a portion of Interstate Route 70 in Missouri as “Mark McGwire Interstate Route 70”.

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INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT—CLOTURE VOTE: By 89 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 292), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed 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.

Pages S11085–87, S11103

HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORIZATIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 290), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, clearing the measure for the President.

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DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT: By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, clearing the measure for the President.

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ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, clearing the measure for the President.

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NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT—AGREEMENT: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1677, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ira G. Peppercorn, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring.

Albert S. Jacquez, of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for a term of seven years.

Ashish Sen, of Illinois, to be Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Department of Transportation, for the term of four years.

Jeffrey S. Merrifield, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2002.

Isadore Rosenthal, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—292)	Pages S11084–85

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 30, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11133.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of United States military forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy, after receiving testimony from Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee annual report on the status of the National Export Strategy, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REFORM ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, and to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitats, after receiving testimony from Senators Cochran and Breaux; Kevin Adams, Chief, Office of Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Brent Manning, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield, on behalf of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Douglas B. Inkley, National Wildlife Federation, Vienna, Virginia; Tanya K. Metaksa, National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action, Fairfax, Virginia; and Laura C. Hood, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Simon Ferro, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and R. Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Ferro was introduced by Senator Graham and Representative Diaz-Balart.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 4655, was introduced. Page H9188

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Burr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9181

Meeting Hour—Thursday, October 1: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1. Page H9182

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9181.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no quorum calls or recorded votes during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Committee Meetings

IMPROVING PRICE COMPETITION FOR MUTUAL FUNDS AND BONDS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Improving Price Competition for Mutual Funds and Bonds. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

HIV PARTNER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 4431, the HIV Partner Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ackerman, Pelosi and Weldon of Florida; Helene Gayle, M.D., Director, National Center for HIA, STD and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn, State of New York; Jean Flatley McQuire, Acting Director, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Associate Commissioner, Department of Public Health, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

TEAMSTER'S ELECTION UPDATE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Correcting Corruption: An Update on the Re-run of the 1996 Teamsters Election. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Cherkasky, Election Officer, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

OVERSIGHT—RESEARCH IN NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on research in National Marine Sanctuaries. Testimony was heard from Nancy Foster, Assistant Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GARRISON UNIT REFORMULATION; PERKINS COUNTY RURAL WATER SYSTEM ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Garrison Unit Reformulation. Testimony was heard from Senators Conrad and Dorgan; Representative Pomeroy; Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Ed Schafer, Governor, North Dakota; John Dorso, Representative, State of North Dakota; Bruce Furness, Mayor, Fargo, North Dakota; Ronald Nargang, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1213, Perkins County Rural Water System Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Eluid Martinez,

Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

U.S. SPACEPOWER IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Military Procurement, of the Committee on National Security held a joint hearing on U.S. Spacepower in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Department of the Air Force; Daniel R. Mulville, Chief Engineer, NASA; and public witnesses.

AVIATION ISSUES RELATED TO YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM Y2K

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing to review Aviation Issues related to the Year 2000 Computer Problem Y2K: Will We Get There on Time? Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; John J. Kelly, Jr., Assistant Administrator, Weather Services, NOAA, Department of Commerce; former Representative William F. Clinger, Jr., of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. COAST GUARD'S DRUG INTERDICTION STRATEGY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Overview of the U.S. Coast Guard's Drug Interdiction Strategy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. James M. Loy, Commandant; Comdr. Steve Ratti; Lt. Comdr. Joe Hester; Lt. David Bullock; and Boatswain's Mate First Class Robert Hoglund.

Joint Meetings

HEAD START/COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT/LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2206, authorizing funds for programs of the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act, and to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1061)

S. 2112, to make the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 applicable to the United States Postal Service in the same manner as any other employer. Signed September 28, 1998. (P.L. 105-241)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, 9:15 a.m., SR-485.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 30

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Thursday, October 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of seven Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate may consider the conference report on H.R. 3616, DOD Authorizations, S. 1677, American Wetlands Conservation Act, or any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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