

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. Page S11122

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) Page S11122

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”. Pages S11133–34

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. Pages S11069–80, S11084

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. Pages S11080–85

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. Pages S11116–19

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. Page S11134

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.