

Wednesday, September 30, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S11135-S11210*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2532-2534 and S. Res. 283. Page S11182

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

S. 1480, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to conduct research, monitoring, education and management activities for the eradication and control of harmful algal blooms, including blooms of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-357)

S. 2120, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally-owned inventions, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105-358) Page S11182

#### **Measures Passed:**

**North American Wetlands Conservation Act:** Senate passed S. 1677, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11190-93

Shelby (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3673, to designate a member of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council and to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish a policy for making certain appointments to the Council. Pages S11190-93

**Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1836, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to improve administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, after agreeing to committee amendments. Pages S11193-96

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4110, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, and to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after striking all

after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2273, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S11196

Subsequently, S. 2273 was placed back on the Senate calendar. Page S11196

**Small Business Investment Company Technical Corrections Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3412, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for a pilot loan guarantee program to address Year 2000 problems of small business concerns and to improve the programs of the Small Business Administration, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11196-S11209

Shelby (for Bond) Amendment No. 3674, relating to small business Federal contract set-asides. Pages S11203-09

**Internet Tax Freedom Act:** Senate considered 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 S11154, S11177-78

Subsequently, by unanimous-consent agreement, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was agreed to, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, and the Committee on Finance amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to. Pages S11177-78

Also, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, October 1, 1998. Page S11154

**DOD Authorizations Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3616, to authorizations appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of

Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999.

Pages S11170–77, S11209–10

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, October 1, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon.

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**Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse:** Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1355, to designate the United States courthouse located at 141 Church Street in New Haven, Connecticut, as the “Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth W. Kizer, of California, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

Richard A. Grafmeyer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2000.

Gerald M. Shea, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2004.

A routine list in the Army.

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**Communications:**

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 5:53 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11209.)

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on October 1.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services*, to hold hearings on issues regarding plans for Department of Energy national security programs, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*, to hold hearings on S. 2494, to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*, to hold hearings on the nominations of Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, and Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Non-Proliferation and National Security,

and David Michaels, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to examine cabin fees and on S. 2513, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land located within or adjacent to Rogue River National Forest and to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Land Management to sell and exchange other Federal land in Oregon, S. 2413, to provide for the development of a management plan for the Woodland Lake Park tract in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the State of Arizona reflecting the current use of the tract as a public park, and S. 2402, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*, to hold hearings on the nominations of Greta Joy Dicus, of Arkansas, and Jeffrey S. Merrifield, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11 a.m., SD–406.

Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the state of current scientific understanding regarding the effects of mercury pollution on humans, and the Environmental Protection Agency's progress toward developing a rule to address the problem of regional haze within National Park areas, 2 p.m., SD–406.