

Thursday, October 1, 1998

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed DOD Authorizations Conference Report.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11211–S11304*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2535–2540, S.J. Res. 58–60, and S. Con. Res. 122–123. **Page S11279**

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

H.R. 3809, to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–359)

S. 555, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require that at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund be distributed to States to carry out cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–360)

H.R. 1949, for the relief of Nuratu Olarewaju Abeke Kadiri.

S. Res. 283, to refer H.R. 998 entitled “A bill for the relief of Lloyd B. Gamble” to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon.

S. 1171, for the relief of Janina Altagracia Castillo-Rojas and her husband, Diogenes Patricio Rojas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1720, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1916, for the relief of Marin Turcinovic, and his fiancée, Corina Dechalup.

S. 1926, for the relief of Regine Beatie Edwards.

S. 1961, for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

S. 2099, to provide for enhanced Federal sentencing guidelines for counterfeiting offenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2476, for the relief of Wei Jengsheng, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2516, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts.

S. 2524, to codify without substantive change laws related to Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations and to improve the United States Code.

S. 2536, to protect the safety of United States nationals and the interests of the United States at home and abroad, to improve global cooperation and responsiveness to international crime and terrorism, and to more effectively deter international crime and acts of violence. **Page S11278**

### Measures Passed:

**King Cove Health and Safety Act:** By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 294), Senate passed S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S11239–69**

Adopted:

Murkowski Amendment No. 3676, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11240–68**

**Automated Entry-Exit Control System:** Senate passed S. 2540, to extend the date by which an automated entry-exit control system must be developed. **Page S11297**

**Recognizing Inspectors General:** Senate passed S.J. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Inspectors General since their creation in 1978 in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government.

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**Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development:** Senate passed H.R. 3007, to establish the Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development, clearing the measure for the President. Page S11303

**Technical Corrections:** Senate passed H.R. 4068, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S11303–04

**Internet Tax Freedom Act:** Senate began 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 S11269–72

Pursuant to the order of September 30, 1998, 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. Page S11271

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, October 2, 1998.

**DOD Authorizations—Conference Report:** By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 293), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S11211–35, S11238–39

**Financial Services Act—Cloture Filed:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers 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 Monday, October 5, 1998. Page S11239

**Ocean Shipping Reform Act:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 414, to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S11297–S11302

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

Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration. Page S11304

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**Authority for Committees:** Pages S11288–89

**Additional Statements:** Pages S11289–97

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) Pages S11239, S11268

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 2, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11304.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Michael M. Reyna, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration; and

S. 2116, to clarify and enhance the authorities of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NATIONAL SECURITY

**Committee on Armed Services:** Committee concluded hearings to examine the current state of Department of Energy national security programs, and proposed reforms thereto, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, and Norman Y. Mineta, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan