

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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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

Washington Airports Authority, Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, and Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, both of the Department of Transportation, and nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

H.R. 1903, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to enhance the ability of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve computer security;

S. 2238, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1427, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to preserve low power television stations that provide community broadcasting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2326, to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations to protect the privacy of personal information collected from and about children on the Internet, and to provide greater parental control over the collection and use of that information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 2519, to promote and enhance public safety through use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and ensuring access to Federal Government property for such networks, S. 2365, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, and S. 2507, to stimulate increased domestic cruise ship opportunities for the American cruising public by temporarily reducing barriers for entry into the domestic cruise ship trade, but did not complete action thereon, and the bills were subsequently withdrawn.

SATELLITE TV ACCESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2494, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multi-channel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, after receiving testimony from Charles C. Hewitt, Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; K. James Yager, Benedek Broadcasting Corporation, Rockford, Illinois; and Andrew J. Fisher, Cox Broadcasting Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Gottemoeller was introduced by Senators Domenici and Bingaman.

CABIN FEES/LAND EXCHANGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings to examine the Forest Service cabin fee system which allows for the private use of National Forest System lands, 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Bob Smith; Sandra H. Key, Associate Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Cindy Banzer, Oregon Forest Homeowners Association, Portland; Mary Clarke Ver Hoef, National Forest Homeowners, Sacramento, California; David R. Mead, Sawtooth Forest Cabin Owners' Association, Twin Falls, Idaho; Paul R. Allman, American Land Rights Association, Berkeley, California; and Paula Wonnacott, Rock Springs, Wyoming.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Dicus was introduced by Senator Bumpers, and Mr. Merrifield was introduced by Senator Bob Smith.

REGIONAL HAZE/MERCURY POLLUTION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Leahy; John S. Seitz, Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Office of Air and Radiation, and William H. Farland, Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Barry L. Johnson, Assistant Surgeon General/Assistant Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services; Colorado State Senator Donald Ament, Denver; Dianne R. Nielson, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Salt Lake City; John Paul Woodley Jr., Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, Richmond; C. Mark Smith, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Boston, on behalf of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers Mercury Task Force; Shawn B. Kendall, Phelps Dodge Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona; Tim Eder, Great Lakes Natural Resource Center/National Wildlife Federation, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Leonard Levin, Electric Power Research Institute, Palo Alto, California; and Gary Myers, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.

PARENTAL ABDUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the United States response to certain cases of international parental abduction, focusing on proposals to coordinate better diplomatic and law enforcement efforts to assist parents seeking the return of their children, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice; Lady Catherine I. Meyer, British Embassy, Washington, D.C.; Thomas R. Sylvester, Cincinnati, Ohio; Thomas A. Johnson, Alexandria, Virginia; and Paul Marinkovich, Simi Valley, California.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded oversight hearings to examine the annual report of the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from William J. Henderson, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (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;

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

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. 1926, for the relief of Regine Beatie Edwards;

S. 1961, for the relief of Suchada Kwong;

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

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

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

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

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David O. Carter, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Robert S. Lasnik, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Anabelle Rodriguez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Margaret B. Seymour, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, and Aleta A. Trauger, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Carter was introduced by Senator Feinstein and Representatives Cox and Sanchez, Mr. Lasnik was introduced by Senators Gorton and Murray, Ms. Rodriguez was introduced by Representative Velazquez, Ms. Seymour was introduced by Senators Thurmond and Hollings, and Ms. Trauger was introduced by Senators Thompson and Frist.

CAPITOL SECURITY

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed closed hearings to examine United States

Capitol security issues, receiving testimony from Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Gregory S. Casey, Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and Kenneth Lopez, Director of Security, Library of Congress.

NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, after receiving testimony from Daniel J. McLaughlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Operations, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service; Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and Dominic Nessi, Acting Director,

Office of Economic Development, both of the Department of the Interior; and Patrick Borunda, Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network, Portland, Oregon.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending committee business, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4656–4677; 1 private bill, H.R. 4678; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 331, and H. Res. 561, 562, 565, and 566, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4280, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees, amended (H. Rept. 105–756 Part 1);

H.R. 2566, to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand the class of individuals under the Civil Service Retirement System eligible to elect the option under which the deposit which is normally required in connection with a refund previously taken may instead be made up through an actuarially equivalent annuity reduction, amended (H. Rept. 105–757);

H. Res. 560, providing for consideration of H.R. 3789, to amend title 28, United States Code, to enlarge Federal Court jurisdiction over purported class actions (H. Rept. 105–758);

H.R. 563, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made, amended (H. Rept. 105–759);

Conference report on H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–760);

H. Res. 563, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Res. 105–761); and

H. Res. 564, providing for consideration of H.R. 4274, making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–762).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H9189

Re-referral of a Bill: H.R. 2349, to redesignate the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building” was re-referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

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Same Day Consideration of Certain Rules Committee Resolutions: The House agreed to H. Res. 558, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Page H9192

Recess: The House recessed at 3:53 p.m. and reconvened at 4:33 p.m. Page H9202

WIC Reauthorization Amendments: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3874,