

Monday, October 5, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11401–S11527*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2548–2551, and S. Res. 285–287. Page S11450

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1999”. S. Rept. No. 105–365)

H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–366) Page S11450

### Measures Passed:

**Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2675, to provide for the Office of Personnel Management to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the provision of certain options for universal life insurance coverage and additional death and dismemberment insurance under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, to improve the administration of such chapter, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S11505–06

**Veterans Employment Opportunities Act:** Senate passed S. 1021, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that consideration may not be denied to preference eligibles applying for certain positions in the competitive service, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11506–11

Grams (for Specter) Amendment No. 3738, of a technical nature. Pages S11508–09

**Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station:** Senate passed S. 2505, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, to the University of Idaho, after agreeing to a committee amendment. Page S11511

**Border Smog Reduction Act:** Senate passed H.R. 8, to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicles emissions, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11511–12

Grams (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. Page S11512

**Bill Referral:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, to refer S. 2274 entitled “A Bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico” to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon. Pages S11512–13

**Commending Mark McGwire/Sammy Sosa:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 286, expressing the sense of the Senate that Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa should be commended for their accomplishments. Page S11513

**Senate Legal Counsel Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 287, to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel. Page S11513

**Assistive Technology Act:** Senate passed S. 2432, to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S11513–26

**Agriculture Appropriations, 1999—Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 4101, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Pages S11411–36

Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S11526

**Financial Services Act:** Senate began consideration of 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. Pages S11437–42

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the final action:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. 297), 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 the bill. Page S11437

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 7, 1998. Page S11442

**Internet Tax Freedom Act:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the cloture vote

on 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, to occur on Wednesday, October 7, 1998.

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A further consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill on Tuesday, October 6, 1998.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. Pages S11526–27

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

David M. Walker, of Georgia, to be Comptroller General of the United States for a term of fifteen years.

John A. Moran, of Virginia, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2001.

Andrea Kidd Taylor, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

John F. Walsh, of Connecticut, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2006.

Norman A. Mordue, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Stephen Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 1999.

Stephen Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003.

Zalmay Khalizad, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, which was sent to the Senate on April 28, 1998.

Gus A. Owen, of California, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, which was sent to the Senate on February 2, 1998.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—297)

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., and recessed at 8:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, October 6, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on S11526.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### START TREATY COMPLIANCE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded closed hearings to examine START Treaty compliance issues, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Steiner, U.S. Representative, Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 4996–4704; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 572, 577, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–769);

H.R. 1467, to provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest, amended (H. Rept. 105–770);

H.R. 3878, to subject certain reserved mineral interests of the operation of the Mineral Leasing Act (H. Rept. 105–771);

H.R. 3511, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide additional exceptions to the imposition of civil money penalties in cases of payments to beneficiaries, amended (H. Rept. 105–772, Part 1);