

Wednesday, May 12, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5105–S5191

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1015–1027, and S. Res. 100. **Page S5155**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 559, to designate the Federal building located at 33 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the “J.J. ‘Jake’ Pickle Federal Building”.

S. 858, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the “Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

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Measures Passed:

Peace Corps Act Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5186**

Juvenile Justice: Senate continued consideration of S. 254, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Boxer Amendment No. 330, to provide for a study of the marketing practices of the firearms industry with respect to children. **Pages S5105–06**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 110), Brownback Amendment No. 329, to provide for a study of the effects of television programming, movies, video games, Internet content, and music lyrics on child development.

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 112), Craig Amendment No. 332, to preserve privacy and property rights, prohibit the collection of fees, and the retention of information in connection with background checks of law abiding citizens acquiring firearms. **Pages S5127–46**

Rejected:

Leahy Amendment No. 327, to promote effective law enforcement. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 109), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5105–12**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 331, to regulate the sale of firearms at gun shows. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

McCain Amendment No. 333, to prohibit the receipt, transfer, transportation, or possession of a firearm or ammunition by certain violent juvenile offenders. **Pages S5136–37**

Pending:

Hatch/Leahy Amendment No. 335, relating to the availability of Internet filtering and screening software. **Page S5141**

Hollings Amendment No. 328, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that the broadcast of violent video programming be limited to hours when children are not reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 335 at 9:40 a.m., on Thursday, May 13, 1999. **Pages S5142, S5186**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the appointment of James B. Lloyd, of Tennessee, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of United States transmitting, a report on a request for funds for operations of U.S. forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–27). **Page S5153**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Joseph Limprecht, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps. **Pages S5189-91**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5171-80**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S5180-81**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5181-86**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-112) **Pages S5111-12, S5144-46**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 13, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5186-87.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session and began markup of S. 974, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of the low income housing tax credit provisions of Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code in producing affordable housing and revitalizing neighborhoods, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham and Mack; David W. Herlinger, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, Denver; Richard K. Barnhart, Pennrose Properties, Inc., and Rita Alice Brown, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Patrick A. Barbolla, Fountainhead Companies, Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf of the Rural Rental Housing Association of Texas, Inc.; Richard J. Ferrara, Housing

Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, Kensington, Maryland; and Howard Earl Cohen, Beacon Residential Properties Limited Partnership, Boston, Massachusetts.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the 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, after receiving testimony from George Heinrichs, SCC Communications Corporation, Boulder, Colorado; Thomas E. Wheeler, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Wildey, West Metro Fire Protection District, Lakewood, Colorado.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine incentives and barriers created by the federal government in bringing new technologies to the marketplace, after receiving testimony from Terry Douglass, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Don Jenkins, Columbia, South Carolina, both of Conversion Technologies Industries, Inc.; Ralph Hutcheson, Scientific Materials Corporation, Bozeman, Montana; Timothy Hammond, Tulane University Medical Center Environmental Astrobiology Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Richard E. Smalley, Rice University, Houston, Texas; and Helena Wisniewski, ANSER, Arlington, Virginia.

ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held open and closed hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, receiving testimony from Mary Anne Sullivan, General Counsel, Department of Energy; and Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James Baker, Deputy Counsel for Intelligence Operations, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, both of the Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the key differences between Medicare and other group health