

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5889–S5978

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1113–1123, S.J. Res. 25–26, and S. Con. Res. 34. **Pages S5953–54**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled “Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals.” (S. Rept. No. 106–52)

S. 1122, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106–53)

H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, with amendments. **Pages S5952–53**

Measures Passed:

Fastener Quality Act Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 1183, to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S5978**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5889–S5948**

Adopted:

Wellstone Amendment No. 380, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for radiation-exposed veterans. **Pages S5890, S5907–11**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 381, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide information and guidance to the public regarding environmental contamination at United States military installations formerly operated by the United States that have been closed. **Pages S5890, S5905–06**

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 142), Roth Amendment No. 388, to request the President to advance the late Rear Admiral (retired) Husband E. Kimmel on the retired list of the Navy to the highest grade held as Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, during World War II, and to advance the late Major General (retired) Walter C. Short on the retired list of the Army to the highest grade held as Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, during World War II, as was done under the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 for all other senior officers who served in positions of command during World War II. **Pages S5890–96, S5915–16**

By 87 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 143), Roberts/Warner Modified Amendment No. 377, relating to the legal effect of the new Strategic Concept of NATO (the document approved by the Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., on April 23 and 24, 1999). **Pages S5890, S5896–S5905, S5906–07, S5916–17**

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 144), Wellstone Amendment No. 382, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide Congress with information to evaluate the outcome of welfare reform. **Pages S5890, S5911–15, S5917–18**

Specter Modified Amendment No. 383, to limit the deployment of United States ground troops in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 145), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5890, S5918–28, S5938–40**

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 146), Gramm Amendment No. 392, to delete certain provisions relating to the safety and security of America’s federal prisons. **Pages S5928–38, S5940**

Pending:

McCain/Levin Amendment No. 393, to provide authority to carry out base closure round commencing in 2001. **Page S5940**

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

By unanimous-consent, the following amendment was incorporated into the text of Amendment No. 377 (listed above): Warner Amendment No. 378 (to Amendment No. 377), to require the President to

submit to the Senate a report containing an analysis of the potential threats facing NATO in the first decade of the next millennium, with particular reference to those threats facing a member nation or several member nations where the commitment of NATO forces will be “out of area”, or beyond the borders of NATO member nations. **Page S5890**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and Amendment No. 393, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with a vote to occur on Amendment No. 393 at 1:45 p.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. **Page S5940**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—146) **Pages S5915–18, S5940**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5978.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for energy and water development programs.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation and related agencies.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE/EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

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

An original bill (S. 1122) making appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense; and

H.R. 1664, making emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations, refugee relief, and humanitarian assistance relating to the conflict in Kosovo, and for military operations in Southwest Asia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, with amendments.

Also, committee completed its review of subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and 224 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

RETAIL ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held oversight hearings on State progress in retail electricity competition, receiving testimony from Marsha H. Smith, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Boise, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; B.J. Helton, Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, on behalf of the Low Cost Electricity States Initiative; Roger Hamilton, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Salem; Maureen O. Helmer, New York Public Utility Commission, Albany; Benjamin F. Montoya, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Albuquerque, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute and Alliance for Competitive Electricity; P. Chrisman Iribe, U.S. Generating Company, Bethesda, Maryland; Jan Schori, Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento, California; and Irwin A. Popowsky, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate, Harrisburg.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 140, to establish the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in the State of New York as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 734, entitled the “National Discovery Trails Act of 1999”, S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility