

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 1259, Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act.

House Committees order reported 11 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5979-S6158

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1124-1141, S. Res. 108, and S. Con. Res. 35. **Pages S6049-50**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. (S. Rept. No. 106-54)

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

Pages S6011-12

Nonnavigable Waters Designation: Senate passed H.R. 1034, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6153**

Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1121, 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", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6153**

Department of Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 1059, to authorize ap-

propriations 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 S5982-S6042

Adopted:

Gramm Amendment No. 392, to delete certain provisions relating to the safety and security of America's federal prisons. **Page S6025**

Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 147), McCain/Levin Amendment No. 393, to provide authority to carry out base closure round commencing in 2001.

Pages S5982, S5995-S6010

Murray/Snowe Amendment No. 397, to repeal the restriction on use of Department of Defense facilities for privately funded abortions. (By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 148), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S6012-19

Kerrey Amendment No. 395, to strike certain provisions relating to a limitation on retirement or dismantlement of strategic nuclear delivery systems. (By 56 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 149),

Pages S5986-95, S6019-24

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 406, to prohibit, effective October 1, 1999, the use of funds for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) unless Congress enacts specific authorization in law for the conduct of those operations. (By 77 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6034-40**

Withdrawn:

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 405, to express the sense of Congress with respect to the court-martial conviction of the late Rear Admiral Charles Butler McVay, III, and to call upon the President to

award a Presidential Unit Citation to the final crew of the U.S.S. *Indianapolis*. **Pages S6031–34**

Pending:

Lott Amendment No. 394, to improve the monitoring of the export of advanced satellite technology, to require annual reports with respect to Taiwan, and to improve the provisions relating to safeguards, security, and counterintelligence at Department of Energy facilities. **Pages S5982–86**

Allard/Harkin Amendment No. 396, to express the sense of Congress that no major change to the governance structure of the Civil Air Patrol should be mandated by Congress until a review of potential improvements in the management and oversight of Civil Air Patrol operations is conducted.

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

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 150), Senate agreed to a motion to reconsider Vote No. 146, which occurred on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, by which the Gramm Amendment No. 392, to delete certain provisions relating to the safety and security of America's federal prisons, was not agreed to. (Subsequently, Gramm Amendment No. 392 was adopted by voice vote, as listed above.) **Page S6025**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending Amendment No. 396, with a vote to occur on the amendment at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 1999. **Pages S6040, S6155**

Appointment:

American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94–201, as amended by Public Law 105–275, appointed the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Janet L. Brown, of South Dakota, and Mickey Hart, of California. **Page S6153**

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

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report on the National Emergency with Respect to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–33).

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report on the National Emergency with Respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–34).

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Kent M. Wiedemann, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Hiram E. Puig-Lugo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Stephen H. Glickman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Eric T. Washington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Lorraine Pratte Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 1999.

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2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

17 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

10 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S6153–55, S6157–58**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

Alberto J. Mora, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2000. (Reappointment)

Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 1998.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service, Air Force, and Navy. **Page S6157**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Myrta K. Sale, of Maryland, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, vice G. Edward DeSeve, which was sent to the Senate on January 7, 1999.

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

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Communications:

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Text of S. 254 as Previously Passed:
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Explanatory Statement on H.R. 1664, as Previously Reported:
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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—151) Pages S6010, S6019, S6024–25, S6040

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 27, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6155.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the livestock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling, receiving testimony from Representative Chenoweth; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; George Swan, House Creek Ranch, Rogerson, Idaho, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; John McNutt, Iowa City, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Frank Moore, Douglas, Wyoming, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association, Inc.; Harry L. Pearson, Indiana Farm Bureau, Hartford City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Phillip Klutts, Oklahoma Farmers Union, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; Robert P. Mack, Mack Farms, Watertown, South Dakota; Bruce Bass, IBP, Inc., Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; Rosemary Mucklow, National Meat Association, Oakland, California; Steven C. Anderson, American Frozen Food Institute, McLean, Virginia; Raymond M. Stewart, Hy-Vee, Inc., West Des Moines, Iowa, on behalf of the Food Marketing Institute; and J. Patrick Boyle, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

S. 566, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multi-

lateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 604, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company;

The nomination of Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

CORPORATE BOND PRICE TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings to examine the private sector's voluntary corporate bond price transparency initiative coordinated by the Bond Market Association (Corporate Trades 1), after receiving testimony from Nelson D. Civallo, Bond Market Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the activities of the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from William E. Kennard, Chairman, and Susan Ness, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Michael K. Powell, and Gloria Tristani, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 510, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, after receiving testimony from Representative Chenoweth; Melinda L. Kimble, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Steven C. Borell, Alaska Miners Association, Anchorage, Alaska; Jeremy Rabkin, Cornell University Department of Government, Ithaca, New York; Carol W. LaGrasse, Property Rights Foundation of America, Stony Creek, New York; and Kathleen Benedetto, National Wilderness Institute, Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the work of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, receiving testimony from Senator Breaux; Representative Thomas; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues,