

Wednesday, June 9, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6729-S6814

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1189-1198, S. Res. 113-114, and S. Con. Res. 38. **Pages S6790-91**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 880, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove flammable fuels from the list of substances with respect to which reporting and other activities are required under the risk management plan program, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106-70)

S. 698, to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the state of Alaska. (S. Rept. No. 106-71)

S. 748, to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106-72)

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Y2K Act: Senate began consideration of S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6733-81**

Adopted:

Allard Amendment No. 609 (to Amendment No. 608), to provide that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the applicability of any State law that provides greater limits on damages and liabilities than are provided in this Act. **Pages S6744-45**

Rejected:

Kerry Amendment No. 610 (to Amendment No. 608), in the nature of a substitute. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 159), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S6750-76**

By 32 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 160), Leahy Amendment No. 611, to exclude consumers from

the Act's restrictions on seeking redress for the harm caused by Y2K computer failures. **Pages S6776-81**

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 608, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6733-81**

Bennett (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 612, to require manufacturers receiving notice of a Y2K failure to give priority to notices that involve health and safety related failures. **Page S6768**

Pursuant to the order of June 8, 1999, the following pending amendments and motions were withdrawn:

McCain Amendment 267, in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 268 (to Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 269 (to Amendment No. 268), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 270 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 267), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 271 (to Amendment No. 270), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with instructions and report back forthwith.

Lott Amendment No. 294 (to the instructions of the Lott motion to recommit), in the nature of a substitute.

Lott Amendment No. 295 (to Amendment No. 294), in the nature of a substitute.

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, June 10, 1999.

Appointment:

Congressional Award Board: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, the appointment of George Gould of Virginia to the Congressional Award Board. **Page S6813**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John E. Lange, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana.

Delano Eugene Lewis, Sr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

Routine list in the Navy. **Pages S6813–14**

Messages From the House: **Page S6785**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S6802–10**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S6810–11**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6811–12**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—160) **Pages S6776, S6780–81**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6813.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Linda W. Cropp, Council of the District of Columbia, and Darius Mans, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year 2000.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Army, and Lieutenant General James L. Jones,

Jr., USMC, to be general and for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 187, to give customers notice and choice about how their financial institutions share or sell their personally identifiable sensitive financial information, and other financial privacy issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Kyl and Leahy; and Representatives Inslee, Markey, and Paul.

AUTO INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 837, to enable drivers to choose a more affordable form of auto insurance that also provides for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, after receiving testimony from Senators Lieberman, McConnell, and Moynihan; Representative Stupak; former Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis, Boston; Ralph Nader, Center for Responsive Law, Washington, D.C.; Fletcher Dal Handley, Jr., Fogg, Fogg and Handley, El Reno, Oklahoma, on behalf of the American Bar Association; Jeffrey O'Connell, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville; New York State Senator Neil Breslin, Albany, on behalf of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators; Gerald T. Noce, Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, St. Louis, on behalf of the Defense Research Institute, Inc.; Peter Kinzler, Coalition for Auto-Insurance Reform, Alexandria, Virginia; and Robert L. Maril, Oklahoma State University Department of Sociology, Stillwater.

SNAKE RIVER DAMS/NORTHWEST POWER PLANNING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held oversight hearings on the process to determine the future of the four lower Snake River dams and conduct oversight on the Northwest Power Planning Council's Framework Process, receiving testimony from Stephen J. Wright, Senior Vice President, Corporate, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; Donna Darm, Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; David W. Welch, High Seas Salmon Research, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada; Donald Sampson, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Roy Sampsel, Columbia River Basin Multi-Species Framework Project, John Saven, Northwest Irrigation Utilities, C. Clarke Leone, Public Power Council, all of Portland, Oregon; Glen Spain, Pacific