

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported the Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999.

The House passed H.R. 1501, Child Safety and Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7161-S7246

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1231-1241, S. Res. 124, and S. Con. Res. 40. **Pages S7218-19**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2000." (S. Rept. No. 106-79)

S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106-80)

S. 1234, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106-81)

S. 326, to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-82)

S. 692, to prohibit Internet gambling, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7218**

Measures Passed:

Operation Allied Force: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 40, commending the President and the Armed Forces for the success of Operation Allied Force. **Pages S7244-45**

Emergency Steel, Oil and Gas Loan Guarantee Program: Senate completed consideration of 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, agreeing to the committee amendments, and taking

action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S7170-S7203**

Adopted:

Stevens Amendment No. 687, to strike certain emergency provisions, to limit certain loan guarantees, to change the membership of the Loan Guarantee Board, and to strike certain lower loan limits. **Pages S7198-99**

Rejected:

McCain Amendment No. 685, to restrict the spending of any money for certain programs until they are authorized by the appropriate Committees and the authorization bill is enacted by Congress. (By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 174), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7190-95, S7198**

Murkowski Amendment No. 686, to provide for the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the Governor of Alaska, to conduct a study to identify environmental impacts, if any, of subsistence fishing and gathering and of commercial fishing in the marine waters of Glacier Bay National Park, and to provide a report to Congress on the results of such study. (By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 175), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7195-98, S7199-S7201**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on passage of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 18, 1999. **Page S7245**

Appointment:

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senators Hatch, Murkowski, and Abraham. **Page S7245**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Maryanne Trump Barry, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

James E. Duffy, Jr., of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Elena Kagan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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

James W. Wetzler, of New York, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Oversight Board for a term of three years, which was sent to the Senate on May 27, 1999.

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Communications:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Text of S. 1186, as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—175)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7245.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

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

An original bill (S. 1233) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug

Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; and

An original bill (S. 1234) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, focusing on emerging technologies, after receiving testimony from Michael C. Maibach, Intel Corporation, Frank Carlucci, Nortel Networks, Eric L. Hirschhorn, Industry Coalition on Technology Transfer, and Rhett Dawson, Information Technology Industry Council, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas Arnold, CyberSource Corporation, San Jose, California, on behalf of the Software and Information Industry Association.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Johnnie E. Frazier, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, Cheryl Shavers, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, Kelly H. Carnes, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy, Ann Brown, of Florida, and Mary Sheila Gall, of Virginia, each to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Albert S. Jacquez, of California, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MUNICIPAL WASTE CONTROL

Committee on Environmental and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 533, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize local governments and Governors to restrict receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, S. 663, to impose certain limitations on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, to authorize State and local controls over the flow of municipal solid waste, and S. 872, to impose certain limits on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, to authorize State and local controls over the flow of municipal solid waste, after receiving testimony from Senators Specter, Warner, Robb and Bayh; Indiana Lt. Governor Joseph E. Kernan, Indianapolis; James M. Seif, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Harrisburg; Gary Sondermeyer, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton; Floyd H. Miles, Sr., Charles City County Board of Supervisors, Providence Forge, Virginia; Dewey R. Stokes,