

Monday, June 21, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7287–S7377

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1245–1256, and S. Con. Res. 42. Pages S7324–25

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 305, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–83)

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

S. 1254, to establish a comprehensive strategy for the elimination of market-distorting practices affecting the global steel industry. Page S7324

Agricultural Appropriations, FY 2000: Senate began consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S7295–S7310

Pending:

Dorgan (for Daschle) Amendment No. 702, to amend the Public Health Services Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage. Page S7310

Lott Amendment No. 703 (to Amendment No. 702), to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care. Page S7310

State Department Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 886, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities, to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures, and to provide for the reform of the United Nations, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7310–11, S7313–20, S7371

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. 177), Sarbanes Modified Amendment No. 689, to revise the deadlines with respect to the retention of records of disciplinary actions and the filing of grievances within the Foreign Service. Pages S7310, S7313–15

Pending:

Feingold Amendment No. 692, to limit the percentage of noncompetitively awarded grants made to the core grantees of the National Endowment for Democracy. Pages S7315–19

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Tuesday, June 22, 1999. Page S7371

Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee/Emergency Oil and Gas Guaranteed Loan Program Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 1664, providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies (as passed by the Senate on Friday, June 18, 1999), requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, Kyl, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, and Durbin. Page S7371

Steel Import Limitation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program, to occur at 11:35 a.m., on Tuesday, June 22, 1999, with the scheduled cloture vote to occur at 12:15 p.m. Pages S7371–72

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Martin George Brennan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Robert S. Gelbard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

A. Lee Fritschler, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

Jerry D. Florence, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2002, vice John L. Bryant, Jr., term expired.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S7376-77**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—177) **Page S7315**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday,

June 22, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7372.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BLACK MARKET PESO EXCHANGE

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Committee concluded hearings to examine the black market peso exchange, focusing on how U.S. companies are used to launder money, after receiving testimony from James E. Johnson, Under Secretary for Enforcement, Bonni G. Tischler, Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, and Alvin C. James, Senior Policy Advisor for Money Laundering Enforcement, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury; Fanny Kertzman, Government of Columbia, Bogota; Michael Skol, Skol and Associates, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Decision Strategies/Fairfax International; and an anonymous witness.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session. It will next meet on Tuesday, June 22.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on issues relating to juvenile diabetes, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, with the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, to hold joint hearings on federal agency Y2K spending issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United

States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 10 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 3 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: with the Select Committee on Intelligence, and with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and with the Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold joint hearings on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board's report to the President: Science at its Best; Security at its Worst: A Report on Security Problems at the U.S. Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings on the nomination of Lawrence H. Summers, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: with the Select Committee on Intelligence, and with the Committee on Armed Services, and with the Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold joint hearings on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board's report to the President: Science at its Best; Security at its Worst: A Report