

Wednesday, June 30, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill.
House Committees ordered reported 15 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7835–S7972

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1304–1311 and S. Res. 128–131.

Pages S7931–32

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 376, to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–100)

H.R. 1175, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action, with an amendment.

H. Con. Res. 35, congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999.

S. Res. 109, relating to the activities of the National Islamic Front government in Sudan, with amendments.

S. Res. 119, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES–10/6.

S. Res. 129, authorizing expenditures for years October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000 and October 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001, by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. Con. Res. 36, condemning Palestinian efforts to revive the original Palestine partition plan of November 29, 1947, and condemning the United Nations Commission on Human Rights for its April 27, 1999, resolution endorsing Palestinian self-determination on the basis of the original Palestine partition plan.

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Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations: By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate passed S. 1234, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7835–52, S7854–56, S7862–S7911

Adopted:

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 1123, to combat the crime of international trafficking and to protect the rights of victims. Pages S7843–44, S7854

Subsequently, the amendment was further modified.

Pages S7855–56

McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 1127, to provide that certain funds from the Economic Support Fund be made available for political, economic, humanitarian, and associated support activities for Iraqi opposition groups designated under the Iraqi Liberation Act (Public Law 105–338). Pages S7847, S7852

McConnell (for McCain) Amendment No. 1128, to strike certain provisions, with regard to the appropriation of funds for the Inter-American Foundation, providing that funds be made available only after the General Accounting Office has completed its current Inter-American Foundation civil and criminal investigations and reported to the Committees on Appropriations. Pages S7847–48, S7852

Leahy/McConnell Amendment No. 1129, to provide that funds made available to grantees may be invested pending expenditure for project purposes when authorized by the President of the African Development Foundation; to provide that interest earned shall be used only for the purposes for which the grant was made; to provide that this authority applies to interest earned both prior to and following enactment of this provision; to provide that notwithstanding section 505(a)(2) of the African Development Foundation Act, in exceptional circumstances the board of directors of the Foundation may waive

the \$250,000 limitation contained in that section with respect to a project, and to provide that the Foundation shall provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations before each time such waiver authority is exercised.

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McConnell (for Coverdell/Stevens) Amendment No. 1130, to provide up to \$5,500,000 to establish an International Health Care Center at Morehouse School of Medicine.

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McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 1131, to provide that certain funds for assistance for Ukraine be withheld from obligation and expenditure until the Government of Ukraine has undertaken significant economic reforms additional to those achieved in fiscal year 1999, including taking effective measures to end corruption by government officials.

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Leahy/McConnell Amendment No. 1132, to provide that of the funds made available for Ukraine, \$3,500,000 shall be made available for the destruction of stockpiles of anti-personnel landmines in Ukraine.

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Leahy Amendment No. 1133, to provide that the proportion of funds appropriated under Development Assistance that are made available for biodiversity activities should be at least the same as the proportion of funds that were made available for such activities from funds appropriated by the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1995 (P.L. 103-306) to carry out sections 103 through 106 and chapter 10 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

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Leahy Amendment No. 1134, to modify certain provisions relating to debt restructuring within the Department of the Treasury.

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McConnell (for Roth) Amendment No. 1135, to express the sense of Congress regarding which office in the Department of State is appropriate for managing United States interest in Ukraine.

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McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 1136, to reduce the amount appropriated for contribution to the International Development Association.

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McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 1137, to provide for congressional notification with respect to acquisition of United States Agency for International Development facilities.

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McConnell (for Helms/DeWine) Amendment No. 1138, to express the sense of Congress regarding assistance to Haiti.

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McConnell/Leahy Amendment No. 1139, to provide that certain funds that are allocated for assistance for the Central Government of Russia, 50 percent shall be withheld from obligation until the

President determines and certifies in writing to the Committees on Appropriations that The Government of Russia has terminated implementation of arrangements to provide Iran with technical expertise, training, technology, or equipment necessary to develop a nuclear reactor, related nuclear research facilities or programs, or ballistic missile capability.

Pages S7847, S7850-52

McConnell Amendment No. 1140, to provide that of the funds made available for Armenia, \$15,000,000 shall be available for earthquake rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Pages S7847, S7851-52

McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 1141, to earmark certain Foreign Military Financing funds for the Philippines.

Pages S7847, S7851-52

McConnell (for Abraham) Amendment No. 1142, to provide that from the Development Assistance and Economic Support Funds, not less than \$15,000,000 shall be made available for Lebanon to be used, among other programs, for scholarships and direct support of the American educational institutions in Lebanon.

Pages S7847, S7851-52

McConnell (for Thomas) Amendment No. 1143, to include notification to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on International Relations regarding free and fair elections in Cambodia.

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Leahy (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 1144, to earmark funds for the independent states of the former Soviet Union for the REAP International School Linkage Program.

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McConnell (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1145, to restrict United States assistance for reconstruction efforts in the Balkans to United States-produced articles and services.

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McConnell (for Voinovich) Amendment No. 1180, relating to the designation of Serbia as a Terrorist State.

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Leahy (for Biden) Amendment No. 1181, to allocate funds for the Iraq Foundation.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 188), Leahy Amendment No. 1179, to urge the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of the Treasury to immediately intensify their efforts to prevail upon the Indonesian Government and military to disarm and disband anti-independence militias in East Timor; grant full access to East Timor by international human rights monitors, humanitarian organizations, and the press; allow Timorese who have been living in exile to return to East Timor to campaign for and participate in the ballot; and release all political prisoners.

Pages S7865-67

McConnell (for Smith of Or.) Amendment No. 1125, to express the sense of the Senate on the Citizens Democracy Corps with regard to promoting

economic development and open, democratic countries in the former Soviet Union and Central Eastern Europe. **Pages S7877-78, S7884**

Leahy (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1146, to provide substitute language relating to restrictions on assistance to countries providing sanctuary to indicted war criminals. **Pages S7877-79, S7884**

McConnell (for Helms) Amendment No. 1150, to provide assistance to promote democracy in Serbia. **Pages S7877-79, S7884**

McConnell (for Burns) Amendment No. 1151, to allocate funds to continue mycoherbicide counter drug research and development. **Pages S7877-80, S7884**

Leahy (for Dodd) Amendment No. 1158, to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to provide to the Congress by January 31, 2000 a report on all military training provided to foreign military personnel (excluding sales) administered by the Department of Defense and the Department of State during fiscal years 1999 and 2000, including those proposed for fiscal year 2000. **Pages S7877-78, S7881, S7884**

Leahy (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1162, to increase the commitment to control and eliminate the growing international problem of tuberculosis. **Pages S7877-78, S7881, S7884**

Leahy (for Cleland) Amendment No. 1163, to support an international conference to achieve a durable political settlement in the Balkans. **Pages S7877-78, S7881-82, S7884**

Leahy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1167, to promote an international arms transfers regime. **Pages S7877-78, S7882, S7884**

Leahy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 1168, to restrict United States aid to Cambodia. **Pages S7877-78, S7882-84**

Leahy (for Biden) Amendment No. 1173, to express the sense of the Senate that the programs contained in the Expanded Threat Reduction Initiative are vital to the national security of the United States and that funding for those programs should be restored in conference to the levels requested in the President's budget. **Pages S7877-78, S7883-84**

Leahy (for Levin) Amendment No. 1174, to express the sense of the Senate regarding United States commitments under the United States-North Korean agreed framework. **Pages S7877-78, S7883-84**

McConnell (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1175, to make available certain funds to Habitat for Humanity International for the purchase of 14 acres of land on behalf of Tibetan refugees living in northern India, and the construction of a multi-unit development. **Pages S7877-78, S7884**

Leahy (for Schumer) Amendment No. 1177, to express the sense of the Senate that the proposed programs under the Expanded Threat Reduction Initia-

tive (ETRI) are critical and essential to preserving United States national security. **Pages S7877-78, S7884**

McConnell (for Cochran/Lott) Amendment No. 1176, to make available certain funds for the Defense Institute of International Studies to enhance its mission, functioning and performance by providing for its fixed costs of operation. **Pages S7877-78, S7884**

Leahy (for Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 1159, to provide that \$2,000,000 of the assistance for Russia and the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union be used to provide grants for nongovernmental organizations to teach new graduates the skills needed for the job market. **Pages S7884, S7886-87**

Subsequently, the amendment was further modified. **Page S7901**

Brownback Modified Amendment No. 1170, to make available international disaster assistance, humanitarian assistance, and development assistance in opposition-controlled areas of Sudan. **Pages S7863-64, S7884-86**

McConnell (for DeWine) Modified Amendment No. 1171, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Colombia. **Pages S7884, S7887**

Leahy (for Reid) Modified Amendment No. 1172, to express the sense of the Senate that the President and the Secretary of State should raise the need for accountability of Saddam Hussein and several key members of his regime at the International Criminal Court Preparatory Commission. **Pages S7884, S7887**

Bingaman Amendment No. 1165, to express the sense of the Senate regarding assistance provided to Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. **Pages S7864-65, S7895**

McConnell (for Lott) Amendment No. 1183, to require annual reports on arms sales to Taiwan. **Pages S7895-96**

Brownback Amendment No. 1118, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to target assistance to support the economic and political independence of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia. **Pages S7838-43, S7845-46, S7854-55, S7862-63, S7867-77, S7903**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 191), McConnell/Abraham/Sarbanes Amendment No. 1119 (to Amendment No. 1118), to strike certain provisions relating to the restriction on assistance for the Government of Azerbaijan. **Pages S7838-43, S7845-46, S7862-63, S7903**

McConnell (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1184, to express the sense of the Senate regarding assistance under the Camp David Accords. **Pages S7901-02**

McConnell (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1185, regarding United States assistance to the Palestinian authority. **Pages S7901-02**

Leahy Amendment No. 1186, to provide that the Secretary of the Treasury may, to fulfill commitments of the United States, (1) effect the United States participation in the fifth general capital increase of the African Development Bank, the first general capital increase of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, and the first general capital increase of the Inter-American Investment Corporation; and (2) contribute on behalf of the United States to the eighth replenishment of the resources of the African Development Fund, the twelfth replenishment of the International Development Association.

Pages S7902-03

Leahy Amendment No. 1187, to establish a working capital fund for the United States Agency for International Development which shall be available without fiscal year limitation for the expenses of certain personal and non-personal services, equipment and supplies.

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Leahy Amendment No. 1188, to provide for the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees, up to \$7,500,000 to be derived by transfer from funds appropriated by this Act to carry out Part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and funds appropriated by this Act under the heading, "Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic State", to remain available until expended, as authorized by section 635 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

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Rejected:

Dodd Amendment No. 1157, to terminate prohibitions and restrictions on travel to Cuba. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 189), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Subsequently, Leahy Amendment No. 1182 (to Amendment No. 1157), to terminate prohibitions and restrictions on travel to Cuba fell when Amendment No. 1157 (listed above) was tabled.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives the House companion measure, the Senate strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of S. 1234, as passed, and the House bill, as amended, be read for a third time and passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Further, that upon passage of the House bill, passage of S. 1234 be vitiated and then be indefinitely postponed.

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Department of the Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 1282, 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, taking action on the following amendments:

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Pending:

Dorgan (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1189, to ensure the expeditious construction of a new United States Mission to the United Nations. Pages S7913-14

Dorgan (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1190, to ensure that the General Services Administration has adequate funds available for programmatic needs.

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Dorgan (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1191, to ensure that health and safety concerns at the Federal Courthouse at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York are alleviated.

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Campbell/Dorgan Amendment No. 1192, to provide for an increase in certain Federal buildings funds.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, on Thursday, July 1, 1999.

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Appointment:

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 208 of the 105th Congress, appointed Senator Lugar to the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, vice Senator Collins.

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Budget Process Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 557, to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process, on Thursday, July 1, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the bill to occur at 10:30 a.m.

Also, that if cloture is invoked, the Senate proceed to the bill, and following the offering of a cloture motion on the pending amendment (Social Security Lockbox), the bill be laid aside until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 16, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the pending amendment to occur at 10:30 a.m.

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Y2K Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report to H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year

2000, with a vote on adoption of the conference report. Page S7969

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, title V of the Trade Act of 1974), a Proclamation to Modify Duty-Free Treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences relative to Gabon, Mongolia and Mauritania; to the Committee on Finance (PM-45). Page S7926

Nominations Confirmed: By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 190), Senate confirmed the following Nominations:

Keith P. Ellison, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Gary Allen Feess, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Stefan R. Underhill, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

W. Allen Pepper, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Karen E. Schreier, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

Also, Senate confirmed the following nominations by voice vote:

39 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

36 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

17 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Barbro A. Owens-Kirkpatrick, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine List in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Additional Statements: Pages S7962-66

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—192) Pages S7867, S7899-S7900, S7903, S7911

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7969.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GAMBLING ADDICTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on gambling addiction issues, focusing on the health research recommendations of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, after receiving testimony from Representative Wolf; Steven E. Hyman, Director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Leo T. McCarthy, Commissioner, and Timothy A. Kelly, Executive Director, both of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission; Ken Winters, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and Leo Tose, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT/ CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and S. 725, to preserve and protect coral reefs, after receiving testimony from Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Michael Crosby, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, and Ed Lindloff, Acting Manager, Stellwagen Bank, National Marine Sanctuary, all of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; C. Renee Cooper, Caribbean Marine Research Center, West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of the Perry Institute of Marine Science; Cynthia Hunter, Waikiki Aquarium, Honolulu, Hawaii; Phillip Dustan, Cousteau Society, Alexandria, Virginia; Michael Connor, New England Aquarium, Boston, Massachusetts; and Michael Collins, Islamorada, Florida.