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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Intelligence Authorization Act.

House passed H.R. 2415, American Embassy Security Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8901–S8973

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1406–1411, S. Res. 158, and S. Con. Res. 47. **Page S8952**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1088, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 106–115)

H.R. 15, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness. (S. Rept. No. 106–116)

S. 581, to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–117)

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Measures Passed:

Designation of the Memorial Door: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 158, designating the Document Door of the United States Capitol as the “Memorial Door”. **Page S8973**

Intelligence Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8906–31, S8933–39**

Adopted:

Bingaman Amendment No. 1260 (to Amendment No. 1258), to provide that such supervision and direction of any Director or contract employee of a na-

tional security laboratory or of a nuclear weapons production facility shall not interfere with communication to the Department of Energy, the President, or Congress, of technical findings or technical assessments derived from and in accord with, duly authorized activities, and that the Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Stewardship shall have responsibility and authority for, and may use, an appropriate field structure for the programs and activities of the Agency for Nuclear Stewardship. **Pages S8906–08**

Bingaman Amendment No. 1262 (to Amendment No. 1258), to provide that the Secretary of Energy shall ensure that other programs of the Department, other federal agencies, and other appropriate entities continue to use the capabilities of the national security laboratories. **Pages S8919–20**

Domenici Amendment No. 1263 (to Amendment No. 1258), to provide that the Agency for Nuclear Stewardship shall comply with all applicable environmental, safety, and health statutes and substantive requirements. **Page S8923**

Moynihan Amendment No. 1264, to authorize funds from the Intelligence Community Management Account of the Director of Central Intelligence to allow the Information Security Oversight Office to hire additional staff to assist in the management of intelligence classification and declassification programs. **Pages S8923–24**

Moynihan Amendment No. 1265, to express the sense of the Congress that the systematic declassification of records of permanent historic value is in the public interest and that the management of classification and declassification by Executive Branch agencies requires comprehensive reform and additional resources. **Pages S8923–24**

Kerrey/Shelby Amendment No. 1266 (to Amendment No. 1258), to provide that the Secretary of Energy shall be responsible for developing and promulgating Departmental security, counterintelligence and intelligence policies, and may use his immediate

staff to assist him in developing and promulgating such policies; to provide that the Under Secretary for Nuclear Stewardship is responsible for implementation of all security, counterintelligence and intelligence policies within the Agency for Nuclear Stewardship; and to provide that the Under Secretary for Nuclear Stewardship may establish agency-specific policies unless disapproved by the Secretary of Energy.

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Kerrey (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1267 (to Amendment No. 1258), relative to contractual obligations.

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Levin Amendment No. 1268 (to Amendment No. 1258), to provide for the delegation to the Deputy Secretary of Energy of authority to supervise and direct the Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Stewardship.

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By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 216), Kyl Amendment No. 1258, to restructure Department of Energy nuclear security functions, including the establishment of the Agency for Nuclear Stewardship.

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Shelby/Kerrey Amendment No. 1270, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 215), Levin Amendment No. 1261 (to Amendment No. 1258), to provide that the Secretary of Energy shall be responsible for developing and promulgating all Departmental-wide security, counterintelligence and intelligence policies, and may use his immediate staff to assist him in developing and promulgating such policies.

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Withdrawn:

Bryan Amendment No. 1269, to terminate the exemption of certain contractors and other entities from civil penalties for violations of nuclear safety requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Chafee, Lugar, DeWine, Kyl, Inhofe, Hatch, Roberts, Allard, Kerrey, Bryan, Graham, Kerry, Baucus, Robb, Lautenberg, and Levin; and from the Committee on Armed Services: Senator Warner.

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Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 1217, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fis-

cal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Gregg Amendment No. 1271, to make certain improvements to the bill.

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Pending:

Gregg Amendment No. 1272, to extend the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund through fiscal year 2005.

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A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 22, 1999.

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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 of America, transmitting, the report of the notice of the continuation of the Iraqi emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–50).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey A. Bader, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Jackie N. Williams, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Navy.

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—216)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 22, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8973.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William J. Rainer, of New Mexico, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Bingaman and Dodd, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Farmland Protection Program, which helps farmers keep their land in agriculture by providing funding to purchase the development rights of farmland, after receiving testimony from Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture; Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg; Gus Seelig, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Montpelier; Michael G. Fitzpatrick, Bucks County Board of Commissioners, Doylestown, Pennsylvania; Guy F. Donaldson, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Camp Hill; Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust, Washington, D.C.; Wayne Dillman, Indiana Farmers Union, Martinville; and Joseph M. Gergela, III, Long Island Farm Bureau, Inc., Calverton, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force, and Arthur L. Money, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LAND CONVEYANCE AND MANAGEMENT BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1184, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to dispose of land for recreation or other public purposes, S. 1129, to facilitate the acquisition of inholdings in Federal land management units and the disposal of surplus public land, and H.R.150, to amend the Act popularly known as the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize disposal of certain public lands or national forest lands to local education agencies for use for elementary or secondary schools, including public charter schools, after receiving testimony from Senator Kyl;

Representative Hayworth; Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Larry Finfer, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Lorenzo J. Valdez, Rio Arriba County, Espanola, New Mexico; Don Stapley, District 2 Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona; Mayor Ginny Handorf, Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona; Daniel Williams, Congress for the New Urbanism, Miami, Florida; and William R. Humphries, Lindrith, New Mexico.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded hearings to examine the extent and quality of the science of the Endangered Species Act's habitat conservation plans, after receiving testimony from Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Monica P. Medina, General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Lorin L. Hicks, Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Seattle, Washington; Steven P. Courtney, Sustainable Ecosystems Institute, Portland, Oregon; Michael A. O'Connell, Nature Conservancy, Mission Viejo, California; Laura C. Hood, Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, D.C.; and Gregory A. Thomas, Natural Heritage Institute, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled the Taxpayers Refund Act of 1999.

TAIWAN-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings on recent developments in Taiwan-China relations, after receiving testimony from Steve J. Yates, Heritage Foundation, James R. Lilley, American Enterprise Institute, and Gerrit Gong, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on the role of sanctions in United States national security policy, receiving testimony from Senators Lugar, Dodd, Hagel, and Ashcroft.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Barbara J. Griffiths, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Carl Spielvogel, of New York, to be Ambassador to the