

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Budget Reconciliation/Tax Relief Conference Report.

Senate agreed to the Water Resources Development Act Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10267–S10536

Measures Introduced: Sixty-seven bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1499–1565, S.J. Res. 31–32, S. Res. 175–178, and S. Con. Res. 51–54.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 720, to promote the development of a government in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) based on democratic principles and the rule of law, and that respects internationally recognized human rights, to assist the victims of Serbian oppression, to apply measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–139)

Report to accompany S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws (S. Rept. No. 106–140)

S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–141)

S. 798, to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security. (S. Rept. No. 106–142)

S. 199, for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko.

S. 275, for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, with an amendment.

S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production,

trafficking, and abuse in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. Page S10388

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Tobacco Production and Marketing Information: Senate passed S. 1543, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information.

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U.S. Capitol Construction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gorton (for McConnell) Amendment No. 1608, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol grounds, to provide that health and safety requirements, including access for the disabled, be observed.

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Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act: Senate passed S. 1255, to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, after agreeing to a committee amendment in

the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10513–20**

Brownback (for Hatch/Leahy) Amendment No. 1609, to clarify the rights of domain name registrants and Internet users with respect to lawful uses of Internet domain names. **Pages S10514–20**

Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10520–22**

Brownback (for Bond) Amendment No. 1617, to make amendments with respect to the Board of Directors of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. **Page S10522**

Indonesia Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 166, relating to the recent elections in the Republic of Indonesia, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Page S10522**

Technical Correction: Senate passed S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.), after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10522–23**

Brownback (for DeWine) Amendment No. 1618, to clarify certain duties of the Centennial of Flight Commission. **Pages S10522–23**

Brownback (for Helms) Amendment No. 1619, to make a technical correction. **Page S10523**

Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act: Senate passed S. 632, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10523**

Mineral Leasing on Indian Lands: Senate passed S. 944, to amend Public Law 105–188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma. **Pages S10523–24**

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 48, relating to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum. **Page S10524**

U.S. Customs Service Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10524–27**

Export-Import Bank Quorum Requirement: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R.

2565, to clarify the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10527–28**

Federal Building Naming: Senate passed H.R. 211, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at West 920 Riverside Avenue in Spokane, Washington, as the “Thomas S. Foley Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, and the plaza at the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the “Walter F. Horan Plaza”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10528**

International Religious Freedom Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1546, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act. **Pages S10528–29**

Appreciating U.S. Army Personnel Service: Senate agreed to S. Res. 176, expressing the appreciation of the Senate for the service of United States Army personnel who lost their lives in service of their country in an antidrug mission in Colombia and expressing sympathy to the families and loved ones of such personnel. **Pages S10529–30**

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, designating September, 1999, as “National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month”. **Page S10530**

Construction Industry Payment Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 1219, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for Federal construction projects, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10530**

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 199, for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko. **Pages S10530–31**

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 275, for the relief of Suchada Kwong. **Pages S10530–31**

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, with an amendment, after agreeing to a committee amendment. **Pages S10530–31**

Safety of Soldiers Missing in Action: Senate passed H.R. 1175, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10531–32**

Brownback (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1620, to provide for the consideration of assistance to certain governments relating to the location and return of certain soldiers.

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Federal Charter: Senate passed S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

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Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act: Senate passed S. 800, to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10274-86, S10342-51

Adopted:

Gorton (for Burns) Amendment No. 1563, to increase funds in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal College account by \$700,000 with offset from Forest Service land acquisition in the San Juan National Forest.

Pages S10275-76

Gorton (for Campbell) Amendment No. 1564, to provide additional funding to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for activities relating to the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, with an offset from Forest Service Land Acquisition in Colorado.

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Gorton (for DeWine) Amendment No. 1565, to make unobligated funds available for the acquisition of land in the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, for the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission, and for the preservation and restoration of the birthplace, boyhood home, and schoolhouse of Ulysses S. Grant, Ohio.

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Gorton (for Lugar/Bayh) Amendment No. 1566, to transfer \$700,000 in land acquisition funds from the San Juan National Forest (Silver Mountain), Colorado to the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge, Indiana.

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Gorton (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 1567, to provide funding for construction of the Seminole Rest facility at the Canaveral National Seashore, Florida, with an offset from the J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Florida.

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Gorton (for Reid) Amendment No. 1568, to provide \$150,000 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Part-

ners for Fish and Wildlife Program within the Habitat Conservation Program. This funding will support the Nevada Biodiversity Research and Conservation Initiative for migratory bird studies at Walker Lake, Nevada. The increase in \$150,000 for the Nevada Biodiversity Research and Conservation Initiative is offset by a \$150,000 decrease in the Water Resources Investigations program of the U.S. Geological Service of which \$250,000 was directed for hydrologic monitoring to support implementation of the Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement.

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Rejected:

Smith (of N.H.)/Ashcroft Amendment No. 1569, to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. (By 80 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 260), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S10276-86

Pending:

Gorton Amendment No. 1359, of a technical nature.

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Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 8, 1999.

Water Resources Development Act: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States.

Pages S10286-90

Budget Reconciliation/Tax Relief: By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 261), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S10290-S10303, S10305-40

Transportation Appropriations: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 9, 1999.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives from the House

the conference report on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, the conference report be deemed agreed to.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all nominations received by the Senate during the 106th Congress, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the August adjournment of the Senate and the provisions of Rule 31, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with certain exceptions.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Friday, August 27, 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Convention (No. 182) for Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor (Treaty Doc. 106-5).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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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 transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Central American and Haitian Parity Act of 1999"; to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM-55).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Richard Holbrooke, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Richard Holbrooke, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

M. Osman Siddique, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the

United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Tuvalu.

Robert Z. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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

William J. Rainer, of New Mexico, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

William J. Rainer, of New Mexico, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2004.

Richard Monroe Miles, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

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.

Earl E. Devaney, of Massachusetts, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

Barbara J. Griffiths, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Sylvia Gaye Stanfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

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

Martin Neil Baily, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

Pages S10268-74, S10534-36

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carol J. Parry, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years expiring January 31, 2012.

John Goglia, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2003. (Reappointment)

Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years. (Reappointment)

Paul L. Hill, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years. (Reappointment)

Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, to be a Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador.

Marianne O. Battani, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Steven D. Bell, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Ronald A. Guzman, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

David M. Lawson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

James A. Wynn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Melvin W. Kahle, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for a term of four years.

Ted L. McBride, of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for a term of four years.

Robert S. Mueller, III, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for a term of four years.

John W. Marshall, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2003. (Reappointment)

Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Richard A. Meserve, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term of five years expiring June 30, 2004.

George L. Farr, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of four years. (New Position)

George B. Daniels, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Ruben Castillo, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2003.

Sterling R. Johnson, Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2001.

Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2005. (Reappointment)

Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Diana E. Murphy, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 1999.

William Sessions, III, of Vermont, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2003. Pages S10535–36

Messages From the President: Page S10380

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Executive Reports of Committees: Page S10388

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S10391–S10495

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S10495–97

Amendments Submitted: Pages S10501–07

Authority for Committees: Page S10508

Additional Statements: Pages S10508–13

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—261) Pages S10274, S10286, S10340

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned according to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 51, at 8:52 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Wednesday, September 8, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10535.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. FARM ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the market and financial performance of the United States agricultural sector, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Bor, USA Rice Federation, and Katherine Ozer, National Family Farm Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; John McNutt, Iowa City, Iowa, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Jack Hamilton, Lake Providence, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Cotton Council.

HUD MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on activities of the Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Ira G. Peppercorn, Director, Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring, Department of Housing and

Urban Development; Steven D. Pierce, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Boston; Deborah Whitaker, Community Preservation Corporation, New York, New York; John T. McEvoy, National Council of State Housing Agencies, Washington, D.C.; and Michael F. Petrie, P/R Mortgage and Investment Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Martin Neil Baily, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Robert Z. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Dorian Vanessa Weaver, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Dan Herman Renberg, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Renberg was introduced by Senator Specter.

Also, Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Harry J. Bowie, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Jimmy J. Kolker, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Jeffrey

A. Bader, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Martin George Brennan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Harriet L. Elam, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, Gregory Lee Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, David H. Kaeuper, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, Delano Eugene Lewis, Sr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Tibor P. Nagy, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and Barbro A. Owens-Kirkpatrick, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Kolker was introduced by Senator Daschle and Representative Holt.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 486, to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 620, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated;

S. 199, for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko;

S. 275, for the relief of Suchada Kwong;

S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Mervyn M. Mosbacker, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 92 public bills, H.R. 2713–2804; 2 private bills, H.R. 2805–2806; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 65, H. Con. Res. 173–179, and H. Res. 277–280, were introduced. Page H7880–85

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 853, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitiga-

tion of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, modifications in paygo requirements when there is an on-budget surplus, amended (H. Rept. 106–198 Pt. 2);

H.R. 853, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for joint resolutions on the budget, reserve funds for emergency spending, strengthened enforcement of budgetary decisions, increased accountability for Federal spending, accrual budgeting for Federal insurance programs, mitigation of the bias in the budget process toward higher spending, modifications in paygo requirements when

there is an on-budget surplus, amended (H. Rept. 106-198 Pt. 3);

H.R. 1867, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office (H. Rept. 106-294);

H.R. 2668, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office, amended (H. Rept. 106-295);

H.R. 1922, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for election for Federal office (H. Rept. 106-296, Pt. 1);

H.R. 417, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, amended (H. Rept. 106-297, Pt. 1);

Conference report on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States (H. Rept. 106-298);

Conference report on H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106-299);

H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, amended (Rept. 106-300); and

Conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces (Rept. 106-301).

Pages H7276-H7316, H7384-H7413, H7469-H7868, H7880

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Kolbe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7251

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, August 4, by a yea and nay vote of 356 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 376. Pages H7251-52

Financial Freedom Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to

reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, and to provide incentives for education savings and health care by yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 379.

Pages H7261-76

Agreed to H. Res. 274, the rule that provided for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 224 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 377.

Pages H7252-61

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the conference report to the committee on conference with instructions, to the extent permitted within the scope of conference, to insist on limiting the net 10-year tax reduction to not more than 25% of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses (or if greater, the smallest tax reduction permitted within the scope of conference); and shall insist on not including any provision which would constitute a limited tax benefit within the meaning of the Line Item Veto Act in order to A. preserve 100% of the Social Security Trust Fund surpluses for the Social Security program and preserve 50% of the currently projected non-Social Security surpluses for purposes of reducing the publicly held national debt, and B. insure that there will be adequate budgetary resources available to extend the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare systems, and provide a Medicare prescription drug benefit, the by yea and nay vote of 205 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 378.

Pages H7274-75

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by yea and nay vote of 217 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 387. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments on August 4.

Pages H7317-84

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back with an amendment that increases the amount provided for Community Oriented Policing Services to the amount requested in the President's budget, with corresponding adjustments to keep the bill within the committee 302(B) allocation by a recorded vote of 208 yeas to 219 noes, Roll No. 386.

Pages H7382-83

Agreed to:

The Ehlers amendment that increases NOAA funding by \$390,000 for research projects;

Pages H7318-19

The Terry amendment that increases Merchant Marine Academy funding by \$2 million for repair of buildings;

Pages H7319-21

The Tiahrt amendment, as modified, that prohibits the expenditure of any appropriation to denigrate or otherwise undermine the religious or moral beliefs of students who participate in programs funded by the Department of Justice; **Pages H7342-44**

The Deal amendment that prohibits any funds appropriated from being used to process or provide visas to countries that deny or unreasonably delay accepting the return of their citizens under section 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

Pages H7348-49

The Traficant amendment, as modified, that prohibits the transport of maximum or high security prisoners to a facility that is not certified by the Bureau of Prisons as appropriately secure for housing such prisoners;

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The Vitter amendment that prohibits any funds to be used by United States delegates to the Standing Consultative Commission in any activity to implement the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the Anti-Ballistic Missile Limitation Treaty entered into by the United States, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Ukraine on September 26, 1997;

Pages H7349-50

The Hayworth amendment that prohibits the expenditure of any funds for activities in support of adding or maintaining any World Heritage Site (agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 383); and

Pages H7355-56, H7378

The Tauzin amendment that prohibits any funds to be used by the FCC to enforce or administer the Uniform Systems of Accounts for Telecommunications Companies with respect to any common carrier that was determined to be subject to price cap regulation by the Commission's order or has elected to be subject to price cap regulation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 374 ayes to 49 noes, Roll No. 384).

Pages H7362-65, H7378-79

Rejected:

The Hall of Ohio amendment that sought to strike the provision that prohibits the payment of United Nations arrearages unless expressly authorized by an Act that makes such payments contingent upon United Nations reform (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 380);

Pages H7324-34

The Bass amendment that sought to require that the Federal Communications Commission develop and implement a plan for the efficient allocation of telephone numbers (rejected by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 381);

Pages H7344-48, H7376-77

The George Miller of California amendment that sought to limit the amount obligated or expended for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

(rejected by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 382); and

Pages H7350-54, H7377-78

The Kucinich amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used for the filing of a complaint or any motion seeking injunctive relief in any legal action brought under the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act or Uruguay Round Agreements Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 385).

Pages H7368-73, H7379-80

Withdrawn:

The Stearns amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reduce State Department general administrative funding by \$500,000 to highlight personnel issues relating to Ms. Linda Shenwick's employment at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations;

Pages H7334-35

The Inslee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to strike Section 620 that prohibits any funds appropriated to be used for the implementation of or the preparation for the Kyoto Protocol;

Pages H7340-42

The Davis of Illinois amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit funding to any law enforcement agency except one identified in an annual summary of data on the use of excessive force published by the Attorney General;

Pages H7357-58

The Campbell amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require that aliens have access to secret evidence used to detain or deport them;

Pages H7358-61

The Wynn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by \$33 million and reduce Administration of Foreign Affairs funding accordingly;

Pages H7361-62

The Crowley amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit any funding to be used for joint training programs between the Royal Ulster Constabulary and any Federal law enforcement agency;

Pages H7365-67

The Dingell amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit grants to states that have not certified that 95 percent or more of records evidencing a State judicial or executive determination are sent to the FBI to support implementation of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and

Pages H7367-68

The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to establish new provisions cited as the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Pages H7373-75

Late Report: The Commerce Committee received permission to have until midnight on September 7,

1999 to file reports on H.R. 1714, H.R. 1858, H.R. 486, H.R. 2130, and H.R. 2506. **Page H7413**

VA, HUD Appropriations: The House agreed to H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Agreed to order the previous question by yeas and nays vote of 217 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 388. **Pages H7413–25**

Legislative Branch Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 367 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 389. **Pages H7425–31**

Earlier, agreed that it be in order to consider the conference report, that it be considered as read, that all points of order be waived; and that the previous question be ordered to final adoption without intervening motion except 20 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled and one motion to recommit. **Page H7413**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Clyburn wherein he resigns from the Committee on Appropriations and read a letter from Representative Ackerman wherein he resigns from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Page H7432**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 277 electing Representative Forbes to the Committees on Appropriations and Banking and Financial Services. **Page H7432**

Water Resources Development Act: House agreed to the conference report on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7432–33**

Technical Corrections to Water Resources Development Act: The House passed H.R. 2724, to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act. **Pages H7433–34**

Extension of Aviation Programs: The House passed S. 1467, to extend the funding levels for aviation programs for 60 days. Subsequently, agreed to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the text of H.R. 1000, a similar House-passed bill. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H7434–59**

The House then agreed to insist on its amendments to S. 1467 and ask for a conference. Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Trans-

portation and Infrastructure for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Petri, Duncan, Ewing, Horn, Quinn, Ehlers, Bass, Pease, Sweeney, Oberstar, Rahall, Lipinski, DeFazio, Costello, Danner, E.B. Johnson of Texas, Millender-McDonald, and Boswell. From the Committee on the Budget for consideration of titles IX and X of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Chambliss, Shays, and Spratt. From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of title XI of the House amendment and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Nussle, Hulshof, and Rangel. **Pages H7459–60**

Permission for Temporary Construction on the Capitol Grounds: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 167, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to permit temporary construction and other work on the Capitol Grounds that may be necessary for construction of a building on Constitution Avenue Northwest, between 2nd Street Northwest and Louisiana Avenue Northwest. **Page H7460**

International Religious Freedom Act: The House passed S. 1546, to amend the International Religious Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that Act—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7460–62**

Veteran Owned Small Business: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7462–67**

Tobacco Production and Marketing Information: The House passed S. 1543, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7467–68**

Summer District Work Period: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Pages H7468**

Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella or, if not available, Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 8. **Page H7468**

Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until

Wednesday, September 8, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader were authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H7468**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 8. **Page H7468**

Presidential Message—Legislative Proposal: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a legislative proposal entitled “Central American and Haitian Parity Act of 1999—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered printed H. Doc. 106–114. **Page H7468**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H7252, H7356–57, H7413, and H7431.

Referral: S. 695 was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. **Page H7868**

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7887–88.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7251–52, H7260, H7275, H7275–76, H7333–34, H7376–77, H7377–78, H7378, H7378–79, H7379, H7383, H7384, H7425, and H7431. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 51, adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on Friday, August 6 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—REVIEW OPERATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the operations of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard from Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner, Department of Social Services, State of Virginia; Douglas E. Howard, Director, Family Independence Agency, State of Michigan; Lynda G. Fox, Secretary, Department of Human Resources, State of Maryland; Melba L. Price, Associate Director, Department of Social Services, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

U.S. FUTURE EXCHANGES—REGULATORY RELIEF

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review regulatory relief for U.S. futures ex-

changes. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission: David D. Spears, Acting Chairman; Barbara Pedeson Holum, James E. Newsome and Thomas J. Erickson, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported, amended, the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce; H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 486, Community Broadcasters Protection of 1999; H.R. 2130, Hillory J. Farias Date-Rape Prevention Drug Act of 1999; and H.R. 2506, Health and Research and Quality Act of 1999.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FIGURES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “White House Insider Mark Middleton: His Ties to John Huang, Charlie Trie, and Other Campaign Finance Figures”. In refusing to give testimony, Mark Middleton invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2558, Prison Industries Reform Act of 1999; and H.R. 2551, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Hoekstra; Kathleen M. Hawk Sawyer, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice; Reginald A. Wilkson, Director, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the H-1B Temporary Professional Worker Visa Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASING—LANDS OFFSHORE FLORIDA

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 33, imposing certain restrictions and requirements on the leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of lands offshore Florida. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Walt Rosenbusch, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Mike Joyner, Director, Legislative and Governmental Affairs, State of Florida; and a public witness.

COASTAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2669, Coastal Community Conservation Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 20, Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of 1999; H.R. 748, amended, to amend the Act that established the Keweenaw National Historical Park to require the Secretary of the Interior to consider nominees of various local interests in appointing members of the Keweenaw National Historical Parks Advisory Commission; H.R. 1615, Lamprey Wild and Scenic River Extension Act; H.R. 1665, amended, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation; H.R. 2140, amended, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; and H.R. 2339, National Discovery Trails Act of 1999.

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 417, Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1999 divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule also waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Thomas and Goodling; Representatives Ewing, Shays, Hutchinson, Shaw, Calvert, Brady of Texas, Wamp, Hoyer, Davis of Florida. Meehan and Levin.

CONFERENCE REPORT—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 507, Water Resources Development Act of 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Boehlert.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2681, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act; H.R. 2679, Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999; H. Con. Res. 171, congratulating the American Public Transit Association for 25 years of commendable service to the transit industry and the Nation; and H.R. 1300, amended, Recycle America's Land Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved the following: 1 lease resolution; 1 repair and alteration resolution; and Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

U.S. NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES—WTO SEATTLE MINISTERIAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on United States Negotiating Objectives for the WTO Seattle Ministerial Meeting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller, Becerra, Regula and Miller of Florida; Susan G. Esserman, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Sheldon R. Jones, Director, Department of Agriculture, State of Arizona; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on the Narcotics Threat from Colombia, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings on the employment and unemployment situation for July, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, September 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2466, Department of the Interior Appropriations.

House Chamber

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