

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11585-S11662

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1657-1668, S. Res. 190-191, and S. Con. Res. 57. **Page S11640**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Report to accompany S. 1650, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. (S. Rept. No. 106-166)

H.R. 560, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the "Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse".

S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse".

S. 1595, to designate the United States courthouse at 401 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Sandra Day O'Connor United States Courthouse".

S. 1652, to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building. **Pages S11639-40**

Measures Passed:

Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 1051, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11656**

Committee Expenditures: Senate agreed to S. Res. 189, a resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001. **Pages S11656-61**

Labor/HHS/Education: By unanimous-consent, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1650, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and

Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and began consideration of the bill, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11585-S11637**

Adopted:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 297), Gorton Amendment No. 1805, to provide funds for a teacher assistance initiative pending authorization of that initiative. **Pages S11604-23**

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 1808, to express the sense of the Senate regarding language prohibiting funds from being used for the Brooklyn Museum of Art unless the Museum immediately cancels the exhibit 'Sensation'. **Pages S11625-26**

Rejected:

Murray Amendment No. 1804, to specify that \$1.4 billion be made available for class size reduction programs consistent with the provisions of Section 307 of the Department of Education Appropriation Act of 1999 (as contained in Public Law 105-277, Omnibus Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1999). (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 298), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages SS11602-23**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1807, to require the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations to eliminate or minimize the significant risk of needlestick injury to health care workers. **Pages S11623-25**

Boxer Amendment No. 1809, to increase funds for the 21st century community learning centers program. **Pages S11627-37**

Gregg Amendment No. 1810 (to Amendment No. 1809), to require that certain appropriated funds be used to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. **Pages S11627-37**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and pending amendments, on Thursday, September 30, 1999, with a vote on or in relation to Gregg Amendment No. 1810 (to Amendment No. 1809), listed above, to occur at 10 a.m., and following that vote, if agreed to, Senator Boxer be recognized to offer a second degree amendment, with a vote on or in relation to that amendment to occur thereon.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Armando Falcon, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a term of five years.

Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2000.

Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

16 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S11656, S11662**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Skila Harris, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2008.

Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2005. **Page S11662**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Skila Harris, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which was sent to the Senate on September 23, 1999.

Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which was sent to the Senate on September 23, 1999. **Page S11662**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—298) **Pages S11622–23**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 30, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11662.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 1501, to improve motor carrier safety, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Stephen F. Campbell, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Bethesda, Maryland; Joan Claybrook, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, Washington, D.C.; Ken Bryant, Teamsters Local 745, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., American Trucking Associations, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Kevin Sharpe, Illinois Commerce Commission, Springfield, on behalf of the National Conference of State Transportation Specialists.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded oversight hearings on the practices of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding operations and maintenance costs and contract renewals, after receiving testimony from Eluid Martinez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Beverly Bridgewater, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Irrigon; Steve Arveschoug, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Pueblo; Richard M. Moss, Friant Water Users Association, Lindsay, California; Glenn D. Johnson, National Water Resources Association, Arlington, Virginia; and Scott L. Campbell, Elam and Burke, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the Payette Water Users Association, Inc., Pioneer Irrigation District, and Settlers Irrigation District.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1652, to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., in Washington, District of Columbia,