

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on Foreign Operations Appropriations.

House committee ordered reported 7 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12051–S12146

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1694–1704 and S. Res. 197. Page S12101

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1398, to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–171)

S. 769, to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for the construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–172)

S. 986, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–173)

S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–174)

S. 1211, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–175)

S. 1288, to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–176)

S. 1377, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act regarding the use of funds for water development for the Bonneville Unit, with an amend-

ment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–177) Pages S12100–01

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations: Senate resumed 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, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S12052–62, S12069–93

Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 313), Nickles Amendment No. 1889 (to Amendment No. 1851), to protect Social Security surpluses. Pages S12052–62, S12069

Coverdell Amendment No. 1837, to provide for a decrease and an increase in certain education funding. Pages S12083–84

Rejected:

Lautenberg Amendment No. 2267 (to Amendment No. 1851), to reject indiscriminate across-the-board cuts and protect social security surpluses by closing special interest tax loopholes and using other appropriate offsets. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 314), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S12071–79

Kennedy Amendment No. 1819, to increase funding for title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 315), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S12084–87, S12089

Kennedy Amendment No. 2268, to protect funds available for education, including funds for Title I, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and Pell Grants, from across-the-board reductions. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 316), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S12079–83, S12089

Withdrawn:

Nickles Amendment No. 1851, to protect Social Security surpluses. Pages S12052–62, S12079

Reed Amendment No. 1866, to permit the expenditure of funds to complete certain reports concerning accidents that result in the death of minor employees engaged in farming operations.

Pages S12088–89

Pending:

Abraham (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1828, to prohibit the use of funds for any program for the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the pending amendment.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations—Conference Report: By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 312), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cornelius P. O’Leary, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Donald Stuart Hays, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Daniel J. French, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

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Text of H.R. 1000, as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—316)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 7, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S12146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to review public policy related to agricultural biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product, receiving testimony from Ralph W. F. Hardy, on behalf of the National Agricultural Biotechnology Council, and Charles J. Arntzen, both of Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Inc., Ithaca, New York; Roger N. Beachy, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, St. Louis, Missouri; Dean DellaPenna, University of Nevada College of Agriculture/School of Medicine, Reno; Bob B. Buchanan, University of California Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, Berkeley; Ray A. Bressan, Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, West Lafayette, Indiana; Brian A. Larkins, University of Arizona Department of Plant Sciences, Tucson; John B. Ohlrogge, Michigan State University Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, East Lansing; and Neil E. Harl, Iowa State University Department of Economics, Ames.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings on the national security implications of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105–28), receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; Gen. Harry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of Energy; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA (Ret.), former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CRUISE SHIP TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1510, to revise the laws of the United States appertaining to United States cruise vessels, after receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Cynthia A. Colenda, International Council of Cruise Lines, and Lawrence H. O’Toole, Marine Engineers’ Beneficial Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Al Wallack, Voyager Holdings, Inc., Brooklyn, New York; Edmund B. Welch, Passenger Vessel Association, and Allen Walker, Shipbuilders Council of America, both of