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

Food Aid Convention 1999 (Treaty Doc. No. 106-14).

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. Page S12563

Notice of Intent: A notice of intent was submitted to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate that would require any Senator to report credible information of corruption to the Select Committee on Ethics. Page S12552

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting, a report relative to telecommunications payments pursuant to Treasury Department specific licenses; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-64). Page S12552

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Department of Defense nomination in the rank of general. Page S12564

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—325) Pages S12504-05, S12548

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12564.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FLEET AND STRATEGIC LIFT OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded hearings on the force structure impacts on fleet and strategic lift operations, after receiving testimony from Vice Adm. William J. Fallon, USN, Commander, United States Second Fleet; Vice Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Sixth Fleet; Maj. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge, Jr., USAF, Director of Operations and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command; and Maj. Gen. Emil R. Bedard, USMC, Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

NATIONAL PARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION/RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 167, to extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council and to authorize construction and operation of a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, New York and Pennsylvania, S. 311, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs, S. 497, to designate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills", H.R. 592, to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field", S. 919, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor, H.R. 1619, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor, S. 1296, to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1366, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by New York State, and S. 1569, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director National Park Service,

Department of the Interior; Robert A. Gaines, Commissioner, National Capitol Planning Commission; Arthur H. Wilson, on behalf of the Disabled American Veterans, Lois Pope, and Jesse Brown, all of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., Washington, D.C.; William E. Douglass, Upper Delaware Council, Inc., Narrowsburg, New York; Charlene Perkins Cutler, Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc., Putnam, Connecticut; and William S. Napolitano, Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, Taunton, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 188, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of State revolving loan funds for construction of water conservation and quality improvements, S. 1706, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exclude from stormwater regulation certain areas and activities, and to improve the regulation and limit the liability of local governments concerning co-permitting and the implementation of control measures, and S. 669, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure compliance by Federal facilities with pollution control requirements, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Bruce deGrazia, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Quality; Maryland Assistant Attorney General Mary Rosewin Sweeney, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General; Helen Walker, Victoria County Court, Victoria, Texas, on behalf of the Texas Counties Storm Water Coalition; Doug Harrison, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, Fresno, California, on behalf of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies; Steve Fleischli, Santa Monica BayKeeper, Santa Monica, California; and Jan Lee, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Salem.

FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care held hearings on S. 1327, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Representatives Cardin, DeLay, and Nancy Johnson; Sister Mary Rose McGready, Covenant House, New York, New York; Abigail English, Center for Adolescent Health and the Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Percy Bailey, Webster Groves, Missouri; and Terry Hurrak, Annandale, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

WTO ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings on the upcoming World Trade Organization Ministerial meeting agenda, focusing on electronic commerce expansion between Europe and the United States, after receiving testimony from Susan G. Esserman, Deputy United States Trade Representative; and James F. Whitaker, Hewlett-Packard Company, on behalf of the Information Technology Industry Council, Arthur B. Sackler, Time Warner, Inc., George Vradenburg, III, America Online, Inc., Eric S. Koenig, Microsoft Corporation, on behalf of the Business Software Alliance, and Jeff Kann, Visa U.S.A., all of Washington, D.C.

PAIN MANAGEMENT AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine pain management and improving end of life care issues, S. 1272, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and S. 941, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a public response to the public health crisis of pain, after receiving testimony from Senators Nickles, Wyden, Mack, and Lieberman; Yank D. Coble, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Gerald H. Holman, Crown of Texas Hospice, Amarillo, on behalf of the National Hospice Organization; James P. Rathmell, University of Vermont College of Medicine, Burlington, on behalf of the American Society of Anesthesiologists; and David E. Joranson, University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, Madison.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 964, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1508, to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NATIVE AMERICAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, after receiving testimony from Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michel

Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Raymond Daw, Na'nizhoozhi Center, Inc., Gallup, New Mexico; Yvette Joseph-Fox, National Indian Health Board, Denver, Colorado; and Robert L. Greene, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

INTERNATIONAL Y2K ISSUES

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings on international Year 2000 technology issues, focusing on security, economic, and humanitarian implications, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary of State for Management; Lawrence K.

Gershwin, National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology, Central Intelligence Agency; Michael J. Copps, Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration, and James L. Price, Chief Economist, both of the Department of Commerce; Nick Gogerty, International Monitoring, London, England; Howard A. Rubin, City University of New York Hunter College, Pound City, New York, on behalf of the Gap-Gemini; and James Moody, InterAction, Washington, D.C.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of United States strategic assets worldwide from Adm. Robert Willard, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3063–3071; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 197, were introduced. Page H10032

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1753, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, amended (H. Rept. 106–377 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia (H. Rept. 106–378 Pt. 1);

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 106–379);

H. Res. 328, waiving points of order against the conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 106–380);

H. Res. 329, providing for consideration of H.R. 2679, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the National Motor Carrier Administration in the Department of Transportation, to improve the safety of commercial motor vehicle operators and carriers, to strengthen commercial driver's licenses (H. Rept. 106–381); and

H. Res. 330, providing for consideration of H.R. 3064, 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. 106–382). Pages H9983–H10030, H10032

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Ronald D. Gerson of Athens, Georgia. Page H9903

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 372 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 494. Pages H9909–21

H. Res. 326, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. Pages H9907–09

Export Enhancement Act—OPIC Authorization: The House passed H.R. 1993, to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency by a recorded vote of 357 yeas to 71 noes, Roll No. 499. Pages H9923–57

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Terry amendment that directs OPIC to address concerns that it does not promptly dispose of legitimate claims regarding projects that it insures or guarantees and recognize that private parties face financial obligations that cannot be deferred indefinitely; Pages H9930–33