

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees ordered reported 8 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1798–1815, S. Res. 207, and S. Con. Res. 62. **Pages S13257–58**

Measures Passed:

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act: Senate passed H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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African Growth and Opportunity Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Lott (for Roth/Moynihan) Amendment No. 2325, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13203**

Lott Amendment No. 2332 (to Amendment No. 2325), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13203**

Lott Amendment No. 2333 (to Amendment No. 2332), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13203**

Lott motion to commit with instructions (to Amendment No. 2333), of a perfecting nature.

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Lott Amendment No. 2334 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature.

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Lott (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 2340 (to Amendment No. 2334), to establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative. **Pages S13236–43**

Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 2336, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to export controls on high performance computers. **Pages S13215–17**

Lott Amendment No. 2335 (to Amendment No. 2334), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 2325 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Friday, October 29, 1999. **Page S13203**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 1999.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James D. Bindenagel, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Envoy and Representative of the Secretary of State for Holocaust Issues.

Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

26 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard. **Pages S13331–32**

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Amendments Submitted:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:27 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 28, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13327.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, to be Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Forces Europe and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/Commander, U.S. Forces, Korea, and Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, to be Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Space Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings on the agricultural biological weapons threat to the United States, after receiving testimony in closed session from officials of the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Defense Intelligence Agency; and, in open session from Susan Koch, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Threat Reduction Policy, and Robert J. Newberry, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Combating Terrorism Policy and Support, both of the Department of Defense; Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture; and Jon Wefald, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the impact of electronic communications networks on the changing structure of the national securities markets, after receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Matthew Andresen, Island ECN, and Douglas M. Atkin, Instinet Corporation, both of New York, New York;

Gerald D. Putnam, Jr., Archipelago, Chicago, Illinois; and Kevin Foley, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Bloomberg Tradebook.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of U.S.-China relations, after receiving testimony from Representative Cox; Winston Lord, International Rescue Committee, Washington, D.C., former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Harry Wu, Laogai Research Foundation, Milpitas, California; and Arthur Waldron, University of Pennsylvania, and Ross H. Munro, Center for Security Studies, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

TAX TREATIES AND PROTOCOL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the Tax Convention With Estonia (Treaty Doc. 105–55), Tax Convention With Latvia (Treaty Doc. 105–57), Tax Convention With Venezuela (Treaty Doc. 106–3), Tax Convention With Denmark (Treaty Doc. 106–12), Tax Convention With Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 105–56), Tax Convention With Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 106–9), Tax Convention With Italy (Treaty Doc. 106–11), and the Protocol Amending The Tax Convention With Germany (Treaty Doc. 106–13), after receiving testimony from Senator Dorgan; Philip R. West, International Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; Lindy L. Paull, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; and Fred F. Murray, National Foreign Trade Council, Inc., Washington, D.C.

FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITIES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to further amend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA) and related terrorism issues, focusing on efforts to help families of the victims of international terrorism receive compensation, receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Lautenberg; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Allan Gerson, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; Patrick Clawson, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and Leonard Garment, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen M. Flatow, West Orange, New Jersey; and Maggie Alejandre Khuly, Miami, Florida.

Hearings recessed subject to call.