

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 3709, to extend for 5 years the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3787–S3856

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2528–2541. **Pages S3831–32**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 442, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LOOKING GLASS. (S. Rept. No. 106–281)

S. 1261, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel YANKEE. (S. Rept. No. 106–282)

S. 1613, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VICTORY OF BURHNAM. (S. Rept. No. 106–283)

S. 1614, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel LUCKY DOG. (S. Rept. No. 106–284)

S. 1615, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel ENTERPRIZE. (S. Rept. No. 106–285)

S. 1779, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel M/V SANDPIPER. (S. Rept. No. 106–286)

S. 1853, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the

coastwise trade for the vessel FRITHA. (S. Rept. No. 106–287)

S. 2536, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–288)

H.R. 2392, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–289)

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African Trade/Caribbean Basin Initiative—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, expand trade benefits to the countries in the Caribbean Basin, renew the generalized system of preferences, and reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance programs. **Pages S3787–S3827, S3853**

During consideration of this measure, the Senate also took the following action:

By 90 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 96), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the conference report on H.R. 434 (listed above). **Pages S3787–88**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, pursuant to the unanimous consent order of Tuesday, May 9, 2000, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, May 11, 2000. **Page S3788**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, May 11, 2000, with the scheduled cloture vote to occur at 10 a.m. **Page S3853**

Appointment:

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 106–173, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Senator Durbin and Dr. Jean T. D. Bandler of Connecticut. **Page S3852**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—96)	Page S3788

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 11, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3853.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING REGULATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's proposed revisions to the regulations governing National Forest Planning, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; James P. Perry, Arlington, Virginia, former Associate General Counsel of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture; and Steve Holmer, American Lands Alliance, and Steven P. Quarles, American Forest and Paper Association, both of Washington, DC.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the status of reforms to improve the United Nations, focusing on restructuring leadership and

operations, developing a performance-based human capital system, and introducing results-oriented programming and budgeting processes, after receiving testimony from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; and Harold J. Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, David N. Greenlee, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Ronald D. Godard, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela, Daniel A. Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, V. Manuel Rocha, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia, and James Donald Walsh, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Thomas J. Motley, and John McAdam Mott, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Blackburne-Rigsby was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Mr. Motley and Mr. Mott were introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Allen R. Snyder, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, James J. Brady, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Mary A. McLaughlin, Berle M. Schiller, Richard Barclay Surrick, and Petrese B. Tucker, each to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Nominee Snyder was introduced by Senator Warner, nominee Brady was introduced by Senator Breaux, and nominees McLaughlin, Schiller, Surrick,