

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the Conference Report on African Trade/Caribbean Basin Initiative.

The House passed H.R. 701, Conservation and Reinvestment Act

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3857–S3929

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2542–2548, S. Res. 305–307, and S. Con. Res. 112. **Page S3916**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Report to accompany S. 2521, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (S. Rept. No. 106–290).

Report to accompany S. 2522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes (S. Rept. No. 106–291). **Page S3915**

Measures Passed:

Technical Corrections: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 112, to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 434. **Page S3928**

African Trade/Caribbean Basin Initiative—Conference Report: By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 98), Senate agreed to 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S3858–80**

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

By 76 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 97), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 434 (listed above). **Pages S3860–61**

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 2521, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages S3880–82, S3887–93**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, May 16, 2000. **Pages S3862–63**

Senate will continue debate only on the bill on Monday, May 15, 2000.

Committee Authority: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the recess of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services be permitted to file the Department of Defense Authorization bill and report at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 12, 2000. **Page S3927**

Appointment:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Mississippi and Louisiana, May 19–22, 2000: Senators Grassley, DeWine, Grams, Collins, Voinovich, Leahy, Breaux, and Akaka. **Pages S3927–28**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Barry Edward Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John W. Darrah, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Joan Humphrey Lefkow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Ricardo Morado, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Michael J. Reagan, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, vice an additional position created December 10, 1999.

George Z. Singal, of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Mark S. Wrighton, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Foreign Service. **Pages S3928–29**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S3861, S3874**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 6:31 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, May 15, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3928.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard Court Houseworth, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal De-

posit Insurance Corporation, and Nuria I. Fernandez, of Illinois, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Houseworth was introduced by Senator Kyl and former Senator DeConcini, and Mr. Fernandez was introduced by Senator Sarbanes.

PIPELINE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation reauthorizing funds for programs of the Pipeline Safety Act, focusing on the natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline transportation industry safety, federal regulation adequacy, and additional safeguards, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Representatives Metcalf and Inslee; Kelley S. Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; John A. Hammerschmidt, Member, National Transportation Safety Board; William J. Haener, CMS Gas Transmission and Storage, Dearborn, Michigan, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America; Phillip D. Wright, Williams Energy Services, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines and the American Petroleum Institute; Charles R. Kenow, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, St. Paul, on behalf of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives; Richard Reiten, Northwest Natural, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the American Gas Association; James M. Pates, City of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Virginia, on behalf of the National Pipeline Reform Coalition; and Mayor Mark Asmundson, Frank King, Mary King, Marlene Robinson, Bruce Brabec, and Katherine Dalen, all of Bellingham, Washington.

NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1367, to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary, S. 1617, to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, S. 1670, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument, S. 2020, to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, S. 2478, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America, and S.