

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8297–S8351*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3023–3025, and S. Res. 351–352. **Page S8342**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 2439, to authorize the appropriation of funds for the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie system. (S. Rept. No. 106–405)

S. 2283, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–406)

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**Measures Passed:**

*Death of Representative Bateman:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, relative to the death of Representative Herbert H. Bateman, of Virginia. **Pages S8350–51**

**PNTR (Permanent Normal Trade Relations) FOR CHINA:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People's Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People's Republic of China, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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**Pending:**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4118, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has taken certain actions with respect to ensuring human rights protection.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 4119, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China is in compliance with certain Memoranda of Understanding regarding prohibition on import and export of prison labor products.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 4120, to require that the President certify to Congress that the People's Republic of China has responded to inquiries regarding certain people who have been detained or imprisoned and has made substantial progress in releasing from prison people incarcerated for organizing independent trade unions. **Page S8297**

Wellstone Amendment No. 4121, to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike. **Page S8297**

Smith (of N.H.) Amendment No. 4129, to require that the Congressional-Executive Commission monitor the cooperation of the People's Republic of China with respect to POW/MIA issues, improvement in the areas of forced abortions, slave labor, and organ harvesting. **Page S8297**

Byrd Amendment No. 4117, to require disclosure by the People's Republic of China of certain information relating to future compliance with World Trade Organization subsidy obligations. **Pages S8298–S8300**

Byrd Amendment No. 4131, to improve the certainty of the implementation of import relief in cases of affirmative determinations by the International Trade Commission with respect to market disruption to domestic producers of like or directly competitive products. **Page S8300**

Thompson Amendment No. 4132, to provide for the application of certain measures to covered countries in response to the contribution to the design, production, development, or acquisition of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons or ballistic or cruise missiles. **Page S8300–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, with a vote on the pending Byrd Amendment No. 4117 (listed above) to occur at 10:00 a.m.

**Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S8342–43**

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**Amendments Submitted: Pages S8345–50**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative Herbert H. Bateman, of Virginia, in

accordance with S. Res. 352, adjourned at 7:52 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 12, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8351.)

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held today.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 1 public bill, H.R. 5145 was introduced. Page H7373

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows.  
 H.R. 4292, to protect infants who are born alive (H. Rept. 106–835). Page H7373

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ballenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7367

**DOD Authorization:** Representative Frank of Massachusetts announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the Senate amendment to H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, to agree to the provisions contained in title XV of the Senate amendment. Page H7368

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7367.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL COMPUTER SECURITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a hearing on Computer Security: How Vulnerable Are Federal Computers? Testimony was heard from John Spotila, Administrator, Office of In-

formation and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Joel Willemsen, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; John Gilligan, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy; John R. Dyer, Chief Information Officer, SSA; Daryl W. White, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Interior; Edward Hugler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; Ira L. Hobbs, Deputy Chief Information Officer, USDA; Mark A. Tanner, Information Resources Manager, FBI, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to hold hearings on the activities of Office of Civil Rights within the Department of Agriculture, focusing on certain discrimination practices, 9 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on rail competition issues, 2 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings on Congressional proposals impacting FHA reserves, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the investigation and recall of Firestone ATX, ATX II, and Wilderness AT tires and Ford Explorer rollovers, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the status of the Biological Opinions of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service