

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8611–S8639

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3056–3061. **Page S8635**

Measures Passed:

National Mammography Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 353, designating October 20, 2000, as “National Mammography Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 347, designating the week of September 17, 2000, through September 23, 2000, as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 342, designating the week beginning September 17, 2000, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

Children’s Internet Safety Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 294, designating the month of October 2000 as “Children’s Internet Safety Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

Commending Middlebury College: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 355, commending and congratulating Middlebury College, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month: Committee on Health, Education Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 371, supporting the goals and ideas of National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8639**

Republic of Latvia 10th Independence Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 319, congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 10th anniversary

of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union. **Page S8639**

U.S. Capitol Construction/Slave Labor Recognition: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 130, establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8639**

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, as amended. **Pages S8611–19**

By prior unanimous-consent, Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, September 18, 2000.

H–1B Non-Immigrant Visa: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens. **Pages S8619–20**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill 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 Tuesday, September 19, 2000. **Page S8619**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S8620**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 1:24 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, September 18, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8639.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WILDFIRES PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management

concluded oversight hearings on Federal agency preparedness for the summer wildfires of 2000, and the President's plan, entitled "Managing the Impact of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment", after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Tom Fry, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 18 through September 23,
2000

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 2:15 p.m.; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, H-1B Non-immigrant Visa.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: September 18, to hold hearings to examine the under-use of hospice care in America, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

September 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Small Business, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefits guaranty cooperation delivery with retirees, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: September 20, to hold hearings to examine food safety issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

September 21, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions, 3 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: September 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the impact of antimicrobial resistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: September 19, to hold hearings on United States policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

September 21, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on the recruiting initiatives of the Department of Defense and the military services and to receive an update on the status of recruiting and retention goals, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; S. 2906, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia; S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River; and S. 3022, to

direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

September 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 20, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the current outlook for supply of heating and transportation fuels this winter, 10 a.m., SD-366.

September 20, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 2933, to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 20, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the GAO investigation of the Everglades and water quality issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

September 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

September 21, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the EPA's proposed regulations for diesel fuel, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 19, business meeting to mark up H.R. 4986, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provisions relating to foreign sales corporations (FSCs) and to exclude extraterritorial income from gross income; and H.R. 4868, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 20, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to Fidel Castro, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 21, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings on certain anti-corruption efforts relating to African economic development, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 19, to hold hearings on the nomination of George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

September 19, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to resume hearings on the state of foreign language capabilities in national security and the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 21, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine meeting the management challenges of the next Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 20, to hold hearings to examine antitrust law and entertainment industry efforts to restrict marketing and sales of violent entertainment to children, 10 a.m., SD-226.

September 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business: September 21, with the Special Committee on Aging, to hold joint hearings to

examine issues relating to pension benefits guaranty co-operation delivery with retirees, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 19, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on H.R. 4646, to designate certain National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 20, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the Inspector General's report on USDA's Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and the Urban Partnership Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 21, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Defense chemical agents and munitions destruction program, 9 a.m.; and a hearing on the status of military procurement, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, September 19, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing on the Future of Electronic Payments: Roadblocks and Emerging Practices, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on Credit Score Disclosure, focusing on H.R. 2856, Fair Credit Full Disclosure Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, September 18, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 4445, Reciprocal Compensation Adjustment Act of 2000, 6:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on Improving Insurance for Consumers—Increasing Uniformity and Efficiency in Insurance Regulation, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Implementation of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments and Funding of State Drinking Water Programs, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 20, full Committee hearing on H.R. 5122, Patient Protection Act of 2000, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue joint hearings on the recent Firestone tire recall action, focusing on the action as it pertains to relevant Ford vehicles, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 5164, Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation Act, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 19, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on the National Labor Relations Board: Recent Trends and Their Implications, 10:30 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Financial Management Issues at the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up H.R. 5178, Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 21, full Committee, hearing on the National and Economic Importance of Improved Math-Science Education and H.R. 4272, National Science Education Enhancement Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 4963, Democratic Rights for Union Members Act of 2000, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 22, full Committee, hearing on Using Technology to Learn and Learning to Use Technology, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 19, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Is Drug Use Up or Down? 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Postal Service, hearing on General Oversight of the U.S. Postal Service, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20 and 21, full Committee, hearings on Potential Energy Crisis in the Winter of 2000, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on the Best Interests of the Child? A Re-examination of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Receivership, Part 1, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, hearing on Oversight of the Defense Security Service: How Big is the Backlog of Personnel Security Investigations, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on "The Federal Workers' Compensation Program: Are Injured Federal Workers Being Treated Fairly?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, September 21, to consider pending business, 4 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, September 19, hearing on GAO Assessment of U.S. Judicial and Police Reform Assistance in Haiti, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 19, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on Prelude to New Directions in U.S. Vietnam Relations: The 2000 Bilateral Trade Agreement, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, full Committee, hearing on the Fight Against Corruption: The Unfinished Agenda, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 20, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on United Nations Peacekeeping, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Implementing Plan Colombia: The U.S. Role, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 19, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportuni-

ties Act; H.R. 604, to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization; H.R. 5136, to make permanent the authority of the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to provide security beyond the Supreme Court building and grounds; H.R. 4827, Enhanced Federal Security Act of 2000; H.R. 3484, Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping Act of 1999; H.R. 3312, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999; H.R. 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act; H.R. 1293, Transportation Employee Fair Taxation Act of 1999; H.R. 5018, Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 2000; and private bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 21, oversight hearing on the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General's September 2000 Report titled: "An Investigation of Misconduct and Mismanagement at ICITAP, OPDAT, and the Criminal Division's Office of Administration," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the Impact of the Mentally Ill on the Criminal Justice System, 1:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

September 21, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 675, Beryllium Exposure Compensation Act; H.R. 3418, Energy Employees' Beryllium Compensation Act; H.R. 3478, Federal Beryllium Compensation Act; H.R. 3495, Department of Energy Nuclear Employees Exposure Compensation Act; H.R. 4263, Atomic Workers' Compensation Act; and H.R. 4398, Energy Employees Occupational Illness and Compensation Act of 2000, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 20, to consider the following bills: S. 1653, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1999; S. 1936, Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 2570, Lincoln Highway Study Act of 1999; H.R. 2710, National Law Enforcement Museum Act; H.R. 2799, to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act; H.R. 2941, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area Establishment Act of 1999; H.R. 3118, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act that authorize States to establish hunting seasons for double-crested cormorants; H.R. 4070, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to correct a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit P31, located near the city of Mexico Beach, Florida; H.R. 4126, Palace of the Governors Expansion Act; H.R. 4187, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles; H.R. 4503, Historically Women's Public Colleges or Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 4721, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 4828, Steens Mountain Wilderness Act of

2000; H.R. 4835, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of Central Intelligence at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia; H.R. 4904, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians; H.R. 5036, Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Amendments Act of 2000; and H.R. 5130, CALFED Extension Act of 2000, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 21, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4789, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office Reauthorization Act of 2000; H.R. 5086, to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to honor Dr. Nancy Foster; and H.R. 5133, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Improvement Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 21, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on the Future of the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth,

Committee on Rules, September 19, to consider H.R. 4945, Small Business Competition Preservation Act of 2000, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 21, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Government and Industry Plans with respect to Stage 4 Commercial Aircraft, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on information technology program, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 21, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Global Aging Crisis, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 21, executive, briefing on Intelligence Authorization Legislative Issues, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: September 22, to hold hearings to examine the status of policing reforms in Northern Ireland as envisioned by the Good Friday Agreement, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Monday, September 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, September 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4444, PNTR for China.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.



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