

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 55, disapproving Normal Trade Relations with Vietnam.

House Committee ordered reported the Legislative Branch appropriations for the fiscal year 2002.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8251–S8300

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1250–1256, S. Res. 139, and S. Con. Res. 61. **Page S8280**

Measures Reported:

S. 625, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes.

S. 778, to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings, with amendments.

S. 1099, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants. **Page S8279**

Measures Passed:

House and Senate Adjournment Waiver: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 61, to waive the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 which require the adjournment of the House and Senate by July 31st. **Page S8300**

Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8259–73**

Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8259–73**

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1030 (to Amendment No. 1025), to enhance the inspection requirements for Mexican motor carriers seeking to operate

in the United States and to require them to display decals. **Pages S8259–73**

Gramm Amendment No. 1168 (to Amendment No. 1030), to prevent violations of United States commitments under the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Pages S8260–63**

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

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 252), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 1025 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Friday, July 27, 2001. **Page S8273**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on progress of spending by the Executive Branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia; to the Foreign Relations. (PM–37)

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Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S8279–80**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S8299–S8300**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—252) **Page S8259**

Adjournment: Senate met at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, July 27, 2001.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mark Edward Rey, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Hilda Gay Legg, of Kentucky, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rey was introduced by Senators Murkowski and Craig, and Ms. Legg was introduced by Senator McConnell and Representative Harold Rogers.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and

H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 4,486 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

PREDATORY MORTGAGE LENDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the problem, impact, and responses of predatory mortgage lending practices, receiving testimony from Iowa Attorney General Thomas J. Miller, Des Moines; Stephen W. Prough, Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Orange, California; Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University Graduate School of Business, New York, New York; Martin Eakes, Self-Help Credit Union, Durham, North Carolina, on behalf of the Coalition for Responsible Lending; Carol Mackey, Rochester Hills, Michigan; Paul Satriano, St. Paul, Minnesota; Leroy Williams, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mary Podelco, Montgomery, West Virginia.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Melody H. Fennel, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Michael Minoru Fawn Liu, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing, Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development, and Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Liu was introduced by Senator Akaka and Ms. Fore was introduced by Senator Hutchison.

CHEMICAL HARMONIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism concluded hearings to examine chemical harmonization issues, including related provisions of S. 532, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit a State to register a Canadian pesticide for distribution and use within that State, after receiving testimony from Representative Pomeroy; Stephen L. Johnson, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Pollution, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Roger Johnson, North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck; Ron Fitchhorn, Bloomington, Illinois, on behalf of the Illinois Corn Growers Association; David McClure, Lewistown, Montana, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Montana Farm Bureau; Jay Vroom, American Crop Protection Association, and Henry Zell, Montana Farmers Union, Great Falls, Montana.

COMPREHENSIVE ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring that promotes competition, protects consumers, enhances reliability, promotes renewable energy, improves efficiency, repeals the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and reforms the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, and related provisions contained in the Committee's White Paper on Electricity Legislation (a discussion of the developments that necessitate the change of the legal structure of the electricity industry and legislative solutions), S.