

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8583–S8625

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2934–2937, and S. Res. 327. **Page S8618**

Measures Reported:

S. 1865, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–279)

S. 2222, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–280) **Page S8618**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Ernie Harwell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 327, honoring Ernie Harwell. **Pages S8622–23**

Federal Transit Formula Grants: Senate passed H.R. 5157, to amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, to allow transit systems in urbanized areas that, for the first time, exceeded 200,000 in population according to the 2000 census to retain flexibility in the use of Federal transit formula grants in fiscal year 2003, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8623**

Foreign Disability Assistance: Senate passed S. 1777, to authorize assistance for individuals with disabilities in foreign countries, including victims of landmines and other victims of civil strife and warfare, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S8623–25**

Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5093, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Byrd Amendment No. 4472, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8584–87, S8589–90**

Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide funds to repay accounts from which funds were borrowed for emergency wildfire suppression. **Page S8584**

Craig/Domenici Amendment No. 4518 (to Amendment No. 4480), to reduce hazardous fuels on our national forests. **Page S8584**

Dodd Amendment No. 4522 (to Amendment No. 4472), to prohibit the expenditure of funds to recognize Indian tribes and tribal nations until the date of implementation of certain administrative procedures. **Pages S8584–87**

Byrd/Stevens Amendment No. 4532 (to Amendment No. 4472), to provide for critical emergency supplemental appropriations. **Page S8584**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the cloture vote will occur on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at 5:15 p.m. **Page S8589**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m. and at 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), listed above, to occur at 5:15 p.m. **Page S8625**

A further unanimous-consent agreement was reached that relative to the cloture vote on Byrd Amendment No. 4480 (to Amendment No. 4472), it be in order to file first degree amendments until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, notwithstanding a recess of the Senate during that time, and that it be in order to file second degree amendments until 4:15 p.m. on the same day. **Page S8625**

Homeland Security Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5005, to establish the Department of Homeland Security, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Lieberman Amendment No. 4471, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8589–S8609, S8611–14**

Thompson/Warner Amendment No. 4513 (to Amendment No. 4471), to strike title II, establishing the National Office for Combating Terrorism, and title III, developing the National Strategy for Combating Terrorism and Homeland Security Response for detection, prevention, protection, response, and recover to counter terrorist threats. (By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 214), Senate failed to table the amendment.) **Page S8595**

Lieberman Amendment No. 4534 (to Amendment No. 4513), to provide for a National Office for Combating Terrorism, and a National Strategy for Combating Terrorism and the Homeland Security Response. **Page S8595**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, where Senator Byrd be recognized. **Page S8625**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 216), Arthur J. Schwab, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S8588, S8625**

Jose E. Martinez, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S8583, S8625**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S8622**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—216) **Page S8588**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 4:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 17, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8625).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan authorized by the Water Resources and Development Act of 2000, which is coordinating the restoration of the south Florida ecosystem among federal, state, tribal and local governments and the public, after receiving testimony from Senator Bill Nelson; R. Les Brownlee, Under Secretary of the Army and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Thomas Gibson, Associate Administrator for Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency; Ann R. Klee, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; David B. Struhs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee; Roman Gastesi, Office of the Miami-Dade County Manager, and Dexter Lehtinen, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida, both of Miami; Patricia A. Power, Seminole Tribe of Florida, and Shannon Estenez, World Wildlife Fund Everglades Program, on behalf of the Everglades Coalition, both of Hollywood, Florida; and Mary Ann Gosa, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Gainesville.