

Tuesday, November 28, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S17541–S17698

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1427–1432. **Page S17666**

Measures Passed:

ICC Sunset Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2539, to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and the bill was then passed after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1396, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S17551–90, S17592–S17602**

Adopted:

(1) Pressler/Exon amendment No. 3063, to make technical corrections. **Pages S17582–83**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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(2) By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 586), Byrd amendment No. 3036, to provide for a minimum penalty of 30 years of imprisonment and a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for the destruction of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle facility if a motor vehicle carrying high level nuclear waste or spent nuclear fuel is involved, or for wrecking or sabotaging a train that carries high-level nuclear waste or spent nuclear fuel. **Pages S17594–96**

(3) Boxer amendment No. 3065, to provide for the comparable treatment of Federal employees and Members of Congress and the President during a fiscal hiatus. **Pages S17593–94, S17596–99**

Rejected:

Dorgan/Bond amendment No. 3064, to establish certain competition standards with respect to mergers by railroad carriers. (By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 585), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Ashcroft amendment No. 3067, relating to the transportation of household goods by motor carriers.

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Subsequently, S. 1396 was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S17602**

Product Liability Fairness Act—Conferees: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Pressler, Gorton, Lott, Stevens, Snowe, Ashcroft, Hollings, Inouye, Ford, Exon, and Rockefeller. **Page S17674**

Safe Drinking Water Act Reauthorization: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), on Wednesday, November 29, 1995.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM–97). **Page S17664**

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–98). **Pages S17664–65**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Received on Monday, November 27, during the adjournment:

Ann L. Aiken, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Joseph A. Greenaway, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Faith S. Hochberg, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Ann D. Montgomery, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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Received today:

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

H. Martin Lancaster, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

LeVar Burton, of California, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2000.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—586) Page S17596

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:35 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 29, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S17675.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES MILITARY IN BOSNIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the use of United States military forces

to enforce the Bosnian peace agreement and the role of NATO and other foreign nations in the implementation force, receiving testimony from Brent Scowcroft, former National Security Advisor to the Bush Administration; James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Energy and Defense, and former Director of Central Intelligence; and Paul D. Wolfowitz, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, November 30.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Erskine Bowles, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President and former Administrator, Small Business Administration; Bruce Lindsey, Deputy Counsel to the President; Charles E. Shepperson, Deputy Associate Administrator, John Spotila, General Counsel, and Martin Tecker, Deputy General Counsel, all of the Small Business Administration; Wayne Foren, former Special Assistant to Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; and Neil Eggleston, Howrey & Simon, Washington, D.C., former Associate Counsel to the President.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 2679–2683; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 127–128; and H. Res. 283 were introduced. Pages H13730–31

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 33, to transfer the Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory in Stuttgart, Arkansas, to the Department of Agriculture (H. Rept. 104–357);

H.R. 418, for the relief of Arthur J. Carron, Jr. (H. Rept. 104–358);

H.R. 419, for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc. (H. Rept. 104–359);

H.R. 1315, for the relief of Kris Murty (H. Rept. 104–360);

H.R. 255, to designate the Federal Justice building in Miami, Florida, as the "James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building" (H. Rept. 104–361);

H.R. 395, to designate the United States courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, Nevada, as the "Bruce R. Thompson

United States Courthouse and Federal Building" (H. Rept. 104-362);

H.R. 653, to designate the United States courthouse under construction in White Plains, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 104-363);

H.R. 840, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 215 South Evans Street in Greenville, North Carolina, as the "Walter B. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse" (H. Rept. 104-364);

H.R. 869, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 125 Market Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse", amended (H. Rept. 104-365);

H.R. 965, to designate the Federal building located at 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Place in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building" (H. Rept. 104-366);

H.R. 1804, to designate the United States Post Office-Courthouse located at South 6th and Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, as the "Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building" (H. Rept. 104-367);

H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia (H. Rept. 104-368, Part 1); and

Conference report on H.R. 1058, to reform Federal securities litigation (H. Rept. 104-369).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Barr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: House recessed at 1:25 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Records of Congress Advisory Committee: The Clerk appointed Mr. Roger Davidson of Washington, D.C., from private life, as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress on the part of the House.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency in Iran: Message from the President wherein he reports on developments concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-137); and

Railroad Retirement Board: Message from the President wherein he transmits the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means

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Corrections Calendar: On the call of the Corrections Calendar, the House passed the following bills:

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Charitable gift annuity relief: H.R. 2525, to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 427 yeas, Roll No. 823).

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Sent to the Senate, amended:

Philanthropy protection: H.R. 2519, to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws (agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 421 yeas, Roll No. 822).

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Recess: House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

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George M. White Appreciation: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 33, expressing the thanks and good wishes of the American people to the Honorable George M. White on the occasion of his retirement as the Architect of the Capitol—clearing the measure.

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Lobbying Disclosure: House continued consideration of amendments on H.R. 2564, to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume at a later date.

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Rejected the following amendments that were debated on November 16, on which recorded votes were postponed:

The Fox of Pennsylvania amendment that sought to prohibit registered lobbyists from giving gifts to Members, officers, and employees of Congress (rejected by a recorded vote of 171 yeas to 257 noes, Roll No. 824);

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The Clinger amendment that sought to prohibit Federal agencies from using appropriated funds to promote public support or opposition for a legislative proposal (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 yeas to 238 noes, Roll No. 825);

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The English of Pennsylvania amendment that sought to impose a lifetime ban on lobbying for a foreign interest on the Secretary of Commerce and the Commissioner of the International Trade Commission (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 826); and

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The Weller amendment that sought to require registered lobbyists to disclose any honoraria they pay to members of the media (rejected by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 827).

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H13731.

Quorum Call—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H13679–80, H13680–81, H13687–88, H13688–89, H13689–90, and H13690. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SENIOR CITIZENS' RIGHT TO WORK ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security approved for full Committee action amended the Senior Citizens' Right to Work Act of 1995.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold joint oversight hearings with the House Resources Committee on the Administration's implementation of section 2001 of the Funding Rescissions Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on U.S.-Sino intellectual property rights agreement, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings on S. 1224, to amend subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, relating to alternative means of dispute resolution in the administrative process, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, business meeting, to mark up S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, 9:30 a.m., SR-385.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings on issues relating to franchise relocation in professional sports, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1423, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to make modifications to certain provisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Commerce, to markup the following bills: H.R. 325, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe; and H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirements, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to continue hearings on Civil Service Reform IV: Streamlining Appeals Procedures, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1788, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1995, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to continue to take testimony regarding the ethics investigation of Speaker Gingrich, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on Diversity, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Committee on the Library, to hold oversight hearings on the Library of Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Conferees, on H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 11 a.m., H-140, Capitol.

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold joint oversight hearings with the House Resources Committee on the administration's implementation of section 2001 of the Funding Rescissions Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will consider S. 1316, Safe Drinking Water Act Reauthorization.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 29

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday and the balance of the week: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2099, VA-HUD Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (rule waiving points of order);

Complete consideration of H.R. 2564, Lobbyist Disclosure Act;

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1868, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1977, Interior Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted); and

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2076, Commerce-Justice-State-Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996 (subject to a rule being granted);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2108, Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (subject to a rule being granted).

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