Tuesday, July 9, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Small Business Job Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7421–S7505

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1933–1936, and S. Res. 277. **Page S7492**

Measures Passed:

Small Business Job Protection Act: By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 186), Senate passed H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7421–69**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 185), Roth Modified Amendment No. 4436, to modify certain small business provisions, to address certain pension simplification issues, to provide a further extension of certain expiring tax provisions, to allow certain teaching hospitals to provide tax-free academic housing to faculty and medical and nursing students, to establish revenue offsets, and to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S7423–24, S7466–68**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 183), Bond Amendment No. 4272, to modify the payment of wages provisions. **Pages S7467–68**

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 184), Kennedy Amendment No. 4435, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate and to exempt computer professionals from the minimum wage and maximum hour requirements, and to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles. **Page S7468**

Land Conveyance: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the City of Rolla, Missouri, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7502**

Private Relief: Senate passed H.R. 419, for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7502**

Teamwork for Employees and Management Act: Senate began consideration of S. 295, to permit labor management cooperative efforts that improve America's economic competitiveness to continue to thrive, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7469–89**

Pending:

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 4437, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7470–73, S7484–85**

Kassebaum Amendment No. 4438, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7482–84**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto, on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, with votes to occur thereon.

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

Transmitting the report of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–157). **Page S7489**

Transmitting the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 1995; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–158). **Page S7489**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S7505**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—186) Pages S7467–68

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 10, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7505.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Andrew S. Effron, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Robb, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SAUDI ARABIA BOMBING REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in open and closed sessions to receive a report on the bombing of United States military facilities in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996 from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. J. H. Binford Peay, III, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

Committee 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 recessed subject to call.

TERRORISM: SAUDI ARABIA/BEIRUT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine the incidents of terrorism and bombing of United States military facilities in Saudi Arabia and Beirut, focusing on reports of the Long Commission, which investigated the bombings, and lessons learned on intelligence support and counterterrorism programs, receiving testimony from Adm. Robert Long, USN (Ret.), Chairman, Long Commission; Lt. Gen. Mick Trainor, USMC (Ret.), former Deputy Chief of Operations for the Marine Corps; Col. Pat Lang, USA (Ret.), former Defense Intelligence Officer for the Middle East; and Robert Murray, Center for Naval Analysis, Washington, D.C., former Member of the Long Commission.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3758–3766 were introduced. Page H7154

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2428, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law, amended (H. Rept. 104–661);

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of H.R. 3755 making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–662);

H. Res. 473, providing for consideration of H.R. 3754 making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–663); and

H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage (H. Rept. 104–664). Page H7154

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H7120

Defense and Security Assistance: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3121, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, and to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H7122–24

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Armored Car Reciprocity: H.R. 3431, to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to

clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce; and **Pages H7124–25**

Traumatic Brain Injury: H.R. 248, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury. **Pages H7126–28**

Cost of Government Day: The House completed all debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 193, expressing the sense of the Congress that the cost of Government spending and regulatory programs should be reduced so that American families will be able to keep more of what they earn. The vote on the resolution was postponed until Wednesday, July 10. **Pages H7128–32**

Office of Fair Employment Practices: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Alan F. Coffey, Jr., General Counsel and Staff Director of the Committee on the Judiciary to the review panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices. **Page H7120**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m. **Page H7151**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Ocean and Coastal Resource Management: Message wherein he transmits the Biennial Report of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1994 and 1995—referred to the Committee on Resources; and **Page H7151**

Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Message wherein he transmits the fiscal year 1995 Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Inventory of the Federal Funds Distributed to Public Telecommunications Entities by Federal Departments and Agencies—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Page H7151**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7155–58.

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

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on GAO Reports. Testimony was heard from Gregory M. Holloway, Director, Government Wide Audits, GAO.

TRAVEL REFORM AND SAVINGS ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 3637, Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Information Resources Management/General Government Issues, Accounting and Information Division, GAO; John Hamre, Comptroller, Department of Defense; G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Office of Policy Planning and Evaluation, GSA; Donald K. Charney, Chief Financial Officer, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and a public witness.

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Rights held a hearing on International Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USIA: Joseph D. Duffey, Director; and Geoffrey Cowan, Director, Voice of America; David W. Burke, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors; Kevin Klose, President, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; and Richard Richter, President, Asia Pacific Network.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3155, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system; H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 3405, Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Clinger; Denis P. Galvin, Associate Director, Planning and Development, National Park Service. Department of the Interior; Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 3755, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of committee reports), clause 7 of rule XXI (3 day availability of printed hearings), or section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority), or section 308 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring a cost estimate in committee report on new entitlement authority) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations) against provisions in the bill.

The rule provides for priority in recognition for those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15 minute vote. The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter, Campbell, and Obey.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (3 day availability of reports), clause 7 of rule XXI (3 days availability of printed hearings), or section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee's allocation of new entitlement authority) or section 308 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (requiring a cost estimate in committee report on new entitlement authority) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations) against the bill.

The rule makes in order only the amendments printed in the report on the rule, to be offered only in the order printed, by the Member specified, and debatable for the time specified in the report. The amendments are considered as read and are not subject to amendments except as specified in the report or a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order are waived against the amendments. The rule provides that the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone records votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote immediately follows another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of votes is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Packard, Campbell, Smith of Michigan, Gutknecht, Souder, Fazio, and Thornton.

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 1 p.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office, 2 p.m., S–128, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1877, to ensure the proper stewardship of publicly owned assets in the Tongass National Forest in the State of Alaska, a fair return to the United States for public timber in the Tongass, and a proper balance among multiple use interest in the Tongass to enhance forest health, sustainable harvest, and the general economic health and growth in southeast Alaska and the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nomination of Alan Philip Larson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, 11 a.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue hearings to examine the incident of terrorism and bombing of United

States military facilities in Saudi Arabia, 11 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on online Banking and Technology in Banking, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on ''Split Decision: The Inspector General's Report on the Divided Management Structure of Student Aid Programs at the Department of Education,'' 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Postal Service, hearing on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Oversight, to mark up the Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1996, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3564, NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act of 1996; the Exports, Jobs, and Growth Act of 1996; H. Con. Res. 142, regarding the human rights situation in Mauritania, including the continued practice of chattel slavery; H. Con. Res. 155, concerning human and political rights and in support of a resolution of the crisis in Kosova; and H. Con. Res. 191, to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II, 3 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1499, Consumer Fraud Prevention Act of 1995; S. 1507, Parole Commission Phaseout Act of 1995; H.R. 3676, Carjacking Corrections Act of 1996; and H.R. 3723, Economic Espionage Act of 1996, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, hearing on Civilian Science Agencies' Implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, 12 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3719, Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 1996; and H.R. 3720, Small Business Investment Company Reform Act of 1996, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Programs, oversight hearing on Massachusetts' request for disaster assistance from the SBA, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 3187, Aviation Safety Protection Act of 1996, 1:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Agency Oversight: Administration of the Rails to Trails Act, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings to review the Russian election, 1 p.m., 2255 Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, July 10

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1745, DOD Authorizations, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon at 12 noon, and a vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1788, National Right to Work Act, following which, Senate will vote on S. 295, the TEAM Act, and amendments pending thereto.

(Senate will meet in a joint meeting with the House of Representatives at 10 a.m. to receive His Excellency, Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, July 10

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Joint meeting to receive His Excellency, Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel;

Consideration of H.R. 3754, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 1997 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

Begin consideration of H.R. 3755, Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1997 (open rule, 2 hours of general debate).

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