

Monday, July 31, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHT

House passed VA-HUD appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10911-S11042

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1094-1098. Page S10966

Measures Passed:

District of Columbia Transportation Projects: Senate passed H.R. 2017, to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, clearing the measure for the President. Page S11038

Energy and Water Appropriations, 1996: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1905, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. Pages S10918-22, S10926-29

Senate may resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, August 1, 1995.

Department of State Authorizations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 908, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10929-59, S10961-66

Adopted:

Helms Modified Amendment No. 1914, to improve and modify the bill. Pages S10946-49

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 343), Helms Modified Amendment No. 2026 (to Amendment No. 2025), to cut \$10,000,000 in funds for the United Nations if the U.N. Secretary General does not help resolve the overdue debts owned U.S. citizens by diplomats and missions accredited to the United Nations. Pages S10939-46, S10961

Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 1977, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and

vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress. (By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 344), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10949-59, S10962

Nickles/Kassebaum Amendment No. 2029 (to Amendment No. 1977), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and vote on comprehensive welfare reform before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 1977, listed above, was tabled.) Pages S10955-56, S10962

During earlier consideration of this amendment today, Senate had agreed to Amendment No. 2029. Pages S10955-56

Kerrey Amendment No. 2030 (to Amendment No. 1977), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 1977, listed above, was tabled.) Pages S10956-59, S10962

Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 2025, to withhold certain funds for international conferences if funds were expended for U.S. participation in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women while Harry Wu was being detained in China. Pages S10938-46

Helms Amendment No. 2031, to authorize reduced levels of appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997. Pages S10962-64

Kerry (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2032 (to Amendment No. 2025), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the arrest of Harry Wu by the Government of the People's Republic of China. Pages S10964-66

Hutchison Amendment No. 2033 (to Amendment No. 2025), to express the sense of the Congress that the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing, China, should promote a representative American perspective on issues of equality, peace and development. Pages S10964-66

During consideration of the bill today, the following also occurred:

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the motion will, if necessary, occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, August 1, 1995.

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Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, August 1, 1995, with a vote on the first cloture motion to occur at 10 a.m.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Marine Corps.

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Messages From the House: Page S10966

Measures Referred: Page S10966

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S10966

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S10966-71

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S10971-72

Amendments Submitted: Pages S10972-S11036

Authority for Committees: Page S11036

Additional Statements: Pages S11036-38

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total-344) Pages S10961, S10962

Recess: Senate convened at 12:30 p.m., and recessed at 8:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 1, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S11038.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to reduce fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare program, including S. 1088, to provide for enhanced penalties for health care fraud, receiving testimony from Senator Cohen; June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, Department of Labor and Human Services; Sarah F. Jaggard, Director, Health Financing and Policy Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Charles L. Owens, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, Congressional Budget Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 2142-2147; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 89 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the City of Rolla, Missouri, amended (H. Rept. 104-215);

H.R. 1974, to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, amended (H. Rept. 104-216);

H.R. 2017, to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, amended (H. Rept. 104-217, Part 1); and

H.R. 1675, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, amended (H. Rept. 104-218). Page H8062

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7993

Recess: House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at noon. Page H7995

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on International Relations, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Judiciary. Page H7996

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie: House passed H.R. 714, to establish the Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois. Pages H7996-H8001

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended by the Emerson technical amendment. Page H8001

Rolla Ranger District Land Conveyance: House passed H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the city of Rolla, Missouri. Pages H8001-02

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H8002

Talladega National Forest: House passed H.R. 1874, to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, Alabama. Pages H8002-04

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page H8004

Recess: House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H8010

D.C. Emergency Highway Relief: House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2017, amended, to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996. Pages H8010-14

Recess: House recessed at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. Page H8031

VA-HUD Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 607, the House passed H.R. 2099, 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, 1996. Pages H8015-22, H8031-34, H8038-52

By a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 606, rejected the Stokes motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that provides limitations placed on EPA activities would not apply when it is made known that the limitation would restrict the ability of EPA to protect humans against exposure to arsenic, benzene, dioxin, lead, or any known carcinogen. Pages H8050-51

On a demand for a separate vote, rejected the Stoke amendment that sought to strike language that prohibits or limits EPA's ability to promulgate, enforce, implement, or take certain actions authorized under environmental laws and food safety laws (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 605). This amendment had been agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on Friday, July 28, by a recorded vote of 212 yeas to 206 noes, Roll No. 599). Pages H8049-50

Rejected:

The Durbin amendment that sought to provide that any limitation on use of EPA funds would not apply to the Agency's environmental programs and compliance provisions when it is made known that

the limitation would restrict the Agency's ability to protect humans against exposure to arsenic, benzene, dioxin, lead, or any known carcinogen (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 602); Pages H8045-46

The Dingell amendment that sought to increase funding for the Superfund program by \$440 million and reduce funding for FEMA disaster relief by \$186 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 603); and Pages H8016-20, H8046-47

The Ensign amendment that sought to increase VA medical care to \$16.961 billion, reduce NASA's human space flight by \$89.5 million, and reduce the National Science Foundation research and related activities by \$235 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 121 yeas to 296 noes, Roll No. 604). Pages H8031-34, H8047-48

A point of order was sustained against the Weldon of Florida amendment that sought to transfer \$154.7 million from the FEMA disaster relief account to the VA major project construction account for a medical facility in Brevard County. Pages H8044-45

The Dornan amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit use of funds for the Senior Environmental Employment Program. Pages H8038-40

Defense Appropriations: House completed all general debate and began reading for amendment on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Reading for amendment under the 5-minute rule will resume on Tuesday, August 1. Pages H8052-60

Agreed To:

The Neumann amendment that reduces the operational support aircraft program by \$50 million; Page H8057

The Obey amendment that reduces by \$50 million the Defense-wide operation and maintenance account; and Pages H8057-58

The Furse amendment that reduces the Air Force aircraft procurement account by \$21.9 million. Pages H8059-60

The Skaggs amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce the Defense-wide operations and maintenance account by \$5 million and add \$5 million to the Intelligence Community Management account. Page H8058

H. Res. 205, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 601. Pages H8034-38

Adjournment Waiver: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 89, waiving provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 requiring adjournment of Congress by July 31. Page H8060

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7995.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8063–68.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8037–38, H8046, H8046–47, H8047–48, H8049–50, H8051, and H8051–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—WACO

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on Crime of the Committee on the Judiciary continued joint oversight hearings on Federal Law Enforcement Actions in Relation to the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Edward S.G. Dennis, Jr., former Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Jeffery Jamar, former SAC in San Antonio, Dick Rogers, former Head of Hostage Rescue Team, R.J. Craig, Special Agent, James McGee, Special Agent, John Morrison, Special Agent and Byron Sage, SSRA in Austin, all with the FBI; and Ambassador H. Allen Holmes, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense.

Will continue tomorrow.

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN NEW ZEALAND

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Political and Social Change in New Zealand. Testimony was heard from Sandra O'Leary, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1995

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony but took no action on H.R. 1555, Communications Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bliley, Representatives Fields, Oxley, Barton of Texas, Paxon, Crapo, Cox, Chairman Hyde, and Representatives

Goodlatte, Wolf, Burton of Indiana, Morella, Shays, Manzullo, Bunn, Frelinghuysen, Dingell, Markey, Wyden, Hall of Texas, Towns, Stupak, Conyers, Lofgren, Spratt, Mfume, Kanjorski, Moran, Orton, and Underwood.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D941)

S. 523, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of imperial dam in a cost-effective manner. Signed July 28, 1995. (P.L. 104–20)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to review the Office of Management and Budget at mid-session, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the future of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings on title V of the Clean Air Act (relating to permitting), 2 p.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on International Trade, to hold hearings to examine various trade issues, including granting most-favored-nation (MFN) tariff status to Cambodia and the permanent extension of MFN tariff status to Bulgaria, the renewal of the Generalized System of Preferences, and the Administration's fiscal year 1996 budget requests for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the United States International Trade Commission, and the United States Customs Service, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of William H. Courtney, of West Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Georgia, James F. Collins, of Illinois, to be Ambassador at Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for the New Independent States, Joseph A. Presel, of Rhode Island, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh, and Stanley T. Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, 9 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Lee F. Jackson, of Massachusetts, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 11 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings on H.R. 660, to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination

prohibitions granted to housing for older persons, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine annual refugee admissions, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to resume hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1569 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on the Transformation of the Medicaid Program, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on the Inspector General Act, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, joint oversight hearing on FDA's Regulation of Medical Devices, including the Status of Breast Implants, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, hearing on Government Printing Reforms, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, hearing to examine the Cienfuegos Nuclear Plant in Cuba, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and the Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to continue joint oversight hearings on Federal Law Enforcement Actions in Relation to the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, to mark up reconciliation recommendations, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on H.R. 2032, to transfer the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the State in which the lands are located, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 2 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.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to mark up Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the Coast Guard Drug Interdiction Mission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 908, Department of State Authorizations, following which Senate will resume debate on S. 908, Department of State Authorizations.

At 2:15 p.m., Senate will proceed to a second cloture vote, if necessary, on a motion to close further debate on S. 908, Department of State Authorizations, and if cloture is not invoked, Senate may resume consideration of H.R. 1905, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, 1996, or begin consideration of S. 1026, DOD Authorizations.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 1

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of S. 21, Bosnia and Herzegovina Self-Defense Act of 1995 (modified closed rule, 3 hours of general debate); and

Complete consideration of H.R. 2126, Defense Appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

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