

Thursday, September 21, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1996.
House passed Cuban liberty and solidarity bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13993–S14106

Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 1265. **Page S14087**

Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1996: By 91 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 458), Senate passed H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, after agreeing to committee amendments, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 454), Brown Amendment No. 2708 (to committee amendment beginning on page 15, line 17 through page 16, line 24), to clarify restrictions on assistance to Pakistan.

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(2) Cohen Amendment No. 2724, to provide for a report to Congress on Russian military operations.

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(3) Dole Amendment No. 2726, to provide for a limitation on assistance to countries that restrict the transport or delivery of United States humanitarian assistance.

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(4) Helms Amendment No. 2727 (to committee amendment on page 2, line 25), to prohibit the use of funds for relocating the Agency for International Development to the Federal Triangle Building, Washington, D.C.

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(5) Helms Amendment No. 2729 (to committee amendment on page 113, lines 25–26, page 119, line 15, and page 120, lines 3, 4, 15, 19, 20), to amend the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act.

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(6) McConnell (for Cochran) Amendment No. 2734, providing funds for the World Food Program.

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(7) McConnell (for Shelby) Amendment No. 2735, providing funds for the International Fertilizer Development Center.

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(8) McConnell (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2736, to make funds available for the support of the United States Telecommunications Training Institute.

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(9) McConnell (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2737, to increase amounts appropriated for international narcotics control and to decrease amounts available to the Agency for International Development.

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(10) McConnell (for Gorton) Amendment No. 2738, to provide for the transfer of excess defense articles to Estonia.

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(11) McConnell (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2739, providing funds for endowments established under the United States-Egypt Economic, Technical and Related Assistance Agreements of 1978.

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(12) McConnell (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2740, to provide payment to the North American Development Bank by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the United States share of the paid-in portion of the capital stock, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

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(13) McConnell (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 2741, providing funds for the United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture.

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(14) McConnell (for Dodd) Amendment No. 2742, to increase transfer authority for the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

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(15) McConnell (for Dodd/Leahy) Amendment No. 2743, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of Guatemala has made significant progress towards negotiating an end to Guatemala's civil conflict.

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(16) McConnell (for McCain/Kerry) Amendment No. 2744, to permit the continued provision of assistance to Burma only if certain conditions are satisfied.

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(17) McConnell (for Kerry) Amendment No. 2745, to express the Sense of the Senate concerning the provision of spare parts and other military equipment to Peru.

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(18) McConnell (for Pell) Amendment No. 2746, to ensure that the current proportion of economic assistance continues to be channeled through private and voluntary organizations and cooperatives.

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(19) McConnell (for Pell/Leahy) Amendment No. 2747, to provide that certain funds for Turkey be made available only through non-governmental organizations to be used only for projects in the ten southeastern provinces currently under a state of emergency, and shall be used only for projects designed to promote economic development, cultural and ethnic tolerance, and human rights activities, and to support the development and activities of non-governmental organizations.

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(20) McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2748, to provide that the President should seek the agreement of the Prime Minister of Turkey to permit access throughout Turkey for international humanitarian organizations which operate confidentially, and report to the committee on Appropriations by June 1, 1996, on progress towards such agreement.

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(21) McConnell (for Brown) Amendment No. 2749, to amend the NATO Participation Act of 1994 to expedite the transition to full membership in and cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of European countries emerging from Communist domination.

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(22) McConnell (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2750, to provide a substitute for the provision relating to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

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(23) McConnell Amendment No. 2751, to provide that funds for Armenia shall be in addition to funds justified for programs in the fiscal year 1996 congressional presentation documents.

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(24) McConnell (for Pressler) Amendment No. 2752, to express the sense of the Congress regarding the recent elections in Hong Kong.

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(25) McConnell Amendment No. 2753, to impose sanctions against Burma, and countries assisting Burma, unless Burma observes basic human rights and permits political freedoms.

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(26) McConnell (for Cohen) Amendment No. 2754, to express the sense of the Senate on Thailand.

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(27) McConnell Amendment No. 2755, to provide for an extension of the tied aid credit program and authority to conduct a demonstration project.

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(28) McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2756, to make available certain funds to UNIFEM.

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(29) McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2757, to provide for a conventional weapons review.

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(30) McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2758, to extend the authority to administer au pair programs through fiscal year 1999.

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(31) McConnell Amendment No. 2759, to provide that certain funds may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91–672 and section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956.

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(32) McConnell (for Dole) Amendment No. 2760, to limit the availability of funds for the Government of Haiti until certain human rights conditions are met.

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(33) McConnell (for Dole) Amendment No. 2761, to increase the total value of defense articles and defense services which may be transferred to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the legislation.

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(34) McConnell (for Dole) Amendment No. 2762, to establish the Croatian-American Enterprise Fund and make available funds to support the Fund.

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(35) McConnell (for Dole) Amendment No. 2763, to earmark funds for humanitarian assistance to the former Yugoslavia.

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(36) McConnell (for Dole) Amendment No. 2764, to impose sanctions against countries harboring war criminals.

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(37) McConnell (for Dole/Biden) Amendment No. 2765, to limit the use of funds for Bosnia and Herzegovina (other than for refugee or disaster assistance) to activities in the territory of the Bosniac-Croat Federation.

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(38) McConnell (for Cohen) Amendment No. 2766, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Russian compliance with the Treaty of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and priorities for modifying existing arms control treaties.

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(39) McConnell (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 2767, to require the submission to Congress of a plan making recommendations for a strategic reorganization of the United Nations.

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Rejected:

(1) Harkin Amendment No. 2725, to express the sense of the Senate on the conference on S. 4, the Line Item Veto Act. (By 76 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 455), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(2) By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 456), Helms Amendment No. 2730 (to committee amendment on pages 44–45), to restrict the availability of funds for the United Nations Population Fund.

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Withdrawn:

(1) Kerry Amendment No. 2732 (to committee amendment on page 23, line 10 through page 28,

line 5), to strike provisions which provide funds to establish FBI Legal Attache offices and related programs in certain foreign countries and for international law enforcement training and cooperation in Central Europe and the New Independent States.

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(2) Kerry Amendment No. 2733 (to committee amendment on page 29, lines 17–24), to strike provisions which provide funds to establish and maintain an FBI Legal Attache office in Cairo, Egypt.

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(3) Bingaman Amendment No. 2728, to allow residents of the United States to send to their immediate family members in Cuba small amounts of money to pay for basic necessities such as food, clothing, and medical care.

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(4) Bingaman Amendment No. 2731 (to Amendment No. 2728), to allow residents of the United States to send to their immediate family members in Cuba small amounts of money to pay for basic necessities such as food, clothing, and medical care.

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(5) Murkowski Amendment No. 2712, to set forth requirements for implementation of the Agreed Framework Between the United States and North Korea Act relating to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

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(6) Helms (for Dole/Helms) Amendment No. 2707 (to committee amendment on page 2, line 25), to provide for the streamlining and consolidation of the foreign affairs agencies of the United States. (By 43 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 457), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators McConnell, Specter, Mack, Gramm, Jeffords, Gregg, Shelby, Hatfield, Leahy, Inouye, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Murray, and Byrd.

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Mercury-Containing Battery Management Act: Senate passed S. 619, to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Military Construction Appropriations, 1996 Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, on Friday, September 22, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1996 Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1854, making

appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, on Friday, September 22, 1996, with a vote to occur thereon.

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District of Columbia Appropriations, 1996—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1244, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, on Friday, September 22, 1996.

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

Transmitting the report entitled “Highway Safety: 1994”; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM—83).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Wade Douglass, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Communications:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—458)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 8:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 22, 1995. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s RECORD on page S14105.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John T. Conway, of New York, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and 2,421 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Also, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, United States Army, for reappointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, after the