

Wednesday, October 25, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15595–S15705

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1361–1363. **Page S15686**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1097, to designate the Federal building located at 1550 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon, as the "David J. Wheeler Federal Building".

Budget Reconciliation: Senate began consideration of S. 1357, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996, with the following motions/amendments pending thereto:

Pages S15599–S15606, S15615–83

(1) Rockefeller motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions.

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(2) Brown Modified Amendment No. 2949 (to instructions of motion to commit), instructions that the committee should consider the findings of the trustees of the Federal Insurance Trust Fund.

Pages S15631–51

(3) Abraham Amendment No. 2950, to establish beneficiary incentive programs to collect information on fraud and abuse against the medicare program and to collect information on program efficiency.

Pages S15651–75

(4) Harkin Amendment No. 2957 (to Amendment No. 2950), to strengthen efforts to combat Medicare waste, fraud and abuse.

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(5) Bradley motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions.

Pages S15676–83

(6) Nickles/Brown Amendment No. 2958 (to Bradley motion to commit the bill), to increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for families.

Pages S15681–83

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain amendments/motions to be proposed to the bill.

Pages S15682–83, S15705

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, October 26, 1995.

Appointments:

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 86–380, appointed Senator Thomas to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, vice Senator Dorgan.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S15685–86**

Measures Referred: **Page S15686**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S15686–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S15687**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S15687–99**

Authority for Committees: **Page S15699**

Additional Statements: **Pages S15699–S15704**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 11:58 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, October 26, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S15705.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to consider pending military nominations, but did not take final action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of religious liberty in the United States and whether there is a need for further legal protection, after receiving testimony from Walter E. Dellinger, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Cathleen A. Cleaver, Family Research Council; David Saperstein, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism; J. Brent Walker, Baptist Joint Committee; Louis P. Sheldon, Traditional Values Coalition; and Kevin J. Hasson, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, all of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to expand the VA's authority to contract for health care services and to provide the agency with added flexibility to reorganize its field offices, S. 293, to authorize the payment to States of per diem for veterans receiving adult day health care, S. 403, to provide for the organization and administration of the Readjustment Counseling Service, to improve eligibility for readjustment counseling and related counseling, S. 425, to require the establishment in the Department of Veterans Affairs of mental illness research, education, and clinical centers, S. 548, to provide quality standards for mammograms performed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 612, to provide for a hospice care pilot program for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 644, to reauthorize the establishment of research corporations in the Veterans Health Administration, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; and John Vitikacs, American Legion, James N. Magill, Veterans of Foreign Wars, David W.

Gorman, Disabled American Veterans, and Terry Grandison, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE—LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded hearings to review recommendations to improve the coordination and cooperation between the intelligence and law enforcement communities, after receiving testimony from Jamie S. Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Jeff Smith, Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency.

Also, committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee met to discuss the status of the hearings to examine issues relating to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 2528–2536, and 2 private bills, H.R. 2537, H. Res. 244; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 109–110 were introduced.

Pages H10847–48

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–291); and

H. Res. 245, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 109, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for reform of the social security earnings limit, and providing for further consideration of H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget (H. Rept. 104–292).

Pages H10813–28, H10846–47

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

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of today. Page H10749

Transportation Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 735, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2002, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996—clearing the measure for Senate action.

Pages H10755–73

H. Res. 241, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H10755–61

Line Item Veto: By a yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 44 nays, the House agreed to the Deutsch motion to instruct House conferees in the conference on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce authority, to insist upon the inclusion of provisions to require that the bill apply to the targeted tax benefit provisions of any revenue or reconciliation bill enacted into law during or after fiscal year 1995.

Pages H10773–79

Privilege of the House: By a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 737, the House agreed to the Arney motion to table H. Res. 244, to direct

the Speaker to provide an appropriate remedy in response to the use of a forged document at a subcommittee hearing.

Pages H10779–81

Budget Reconciliation: Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, October 24, the House completed three hours of general debate on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Further consideration will continue on Thursday, October 26, under a rule.

Pages H10781–H10810

Recess: House recessed at 9:54 p.m. and reconvened at 1 a.m. on Thursday, October 26.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10749.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10772–73, H10779, and H10780–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 1:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 26.

Committee Meetings

RURAL DEVELOPMENT REFORMS AND AGRICULTURE RELIEF AND TRADE ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing to consider rural development reforms and the Agricultural Relief and Trade Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Economic and Community Development Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MARKETS AND TRADING REORGANIZATION, AND REFORM ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings on H.R. 718, Markets and Trading Reorganization and Reform Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Financial Institutions and Market Issues Division, GAO: Jim Bothwell, Director; Helen Hsing, Associate Director; Michael Burnett, Assistant Director; and Frank J. Philippi, Evaluator.

HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 657, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of three hydroelectric projects in the State of Arkansas; H.R. 680, to extend the time for construction of certain FERC licensed hydro projects; H.R. 1011,

to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio; H.R. 1014, amended, to authorize extension of time limitation for a FERC-issued hydroelectric license; H.R. 1051, to provide for the extension of certain hydroelectric projects located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1290, amended, to reinstate the permit for, and extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of, a hydroelectric project in Oregon; H.R. 1335, to provide for the extension of a hydroelectric project located in the State of West Virginia; H.R. 1366, to authorize the extension of time limitation for the FERC-issued hydroelectric license for the Mt. Hope waterpower project; and H.R. 1835, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Oregon.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held an oversight hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. Testimony was heard from Representatives Knollenberg and Bateman; and public witnesses.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service concluded hearings on Civil Service Reform I: NPR and the Case for Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CENSUS BUREAU

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing on Census Bureau: Preparations for the 2000 Census. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Francis D. DeGeorge, Inspector General; and Martha Farnsworth Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census; and L. Nye Stevens, Director, Planning and Reporting, General Government Division, GAO.

FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT AMENDMENTS; ANDERSON v. ROSE; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported H.R. 2527, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to improve the electoral process by permitting electronic filing and preservation of Federal Election Commission reports.

The Committee approved a motion to dismiss the election contest in the 7th District of North Carolina, Anderson versus Rose.

The Committee also approved other pending committee business.

UNITED STATES-JAPAN RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on United States-Japan Relations and American Interests in Asia: Striking a New Balance. Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Joseph S. Nye, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

TRADE ISSUES REGARDING CHILE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs held a joint hearing on Trade Issues Regarding Chile and other Latin American Countries in Light of the NAFTA Experience. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kolbe, Kaptur, Hunter and Dunn; Ira Shapiro, Special Negotiator for Japan and Canada, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Alexander F. Watson, Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs, Department of State; William E. Barreda, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Trade and International Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

NEW GATT PATENT ACCORD IMPACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Impact on U.S. Exporters of the New GATT Patent Accord. Testimony was heard from Bruce A. Lehman, Commissioner, Patent and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

RACE AND GENDER PREFERENCE PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing regarding the Economic and Social Impact of Race and Gender Preference Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 826, to extend the deadline for the completion of certain land exchanges involving the Big Thicket National Preserve in Texas; H.R. 924, to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any National Forest System lands in the Angeles National Forest in California out of Federal ownership for use as a solid waste landfill; H.R. 1838, to provide for an exchange of lands with the Water Conservancy District of Washington County, UT; H.R. 1581, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture to the city of Sumpter, OR; H.R. 207, amended, Cleveland National Forest

Land Exchange Act of 1995; H.R. 1163, amended, to authorize the exchange of National Park Service land in the Fire Island National Seashore in the State of New York for land in the Village of Patchogue; H.R. 1585, Modoc National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act; and H.R. 2437, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, CO.

SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS TEST REFORM SEVEN-YEAR BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 4, a rule providing for twenty minutes of debate in the House of H. Con. Res. 109, Social Security earnings test reform. The rule provides three hours of additional general debate on H.R. 2491, Seven-Year Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 2517 modified by the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules on the rule shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole; that the bill as amended shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and that all points of order against provisions of the bill as amended are waived. No amendment shall be in order to the bill as amended except an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 2530, which may only be offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. The amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. The rule provides that after a motion to rise has been rejected on any day, another such motion may only be offered by the Minority Leader or the Budget Committee chairman. The rule provides one motion to recommit which, if containing instructions, may only be offered by the Minority Leader or a designee. The rule provides that the yeas and nays are ordered on final passage and that the provisions of clause 5(c) of Rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on any amendment or measure containing a Federal income tax rate increase) shall not apply to the votes on the bill, amendments thereto or conference reports thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Miller of Florida, Roberts, Ney, Fox, Cremeans, Klug, Horn, Davis, Rohrabacher, Salmon, Young of Alaska, Hancock, Bunn of Oregon, Sabo, Stenholm, Mollohan, Costello, Orton, Pomeroy, Meek of Florida, de la Garza, Johnson of South Dakota, Peterson of Minnesota, Dooley, Thurman, Hinchey, Waxman, Markey, Wyden, Richardson,

Pallone, Deutch, Gene Green of Texas, and Collins of Illinois.

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND ADVANCEMENT ACT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Science: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2196, National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995.

The Committee also met to consider Committee business.

SMALL BUSINESS—REGULATORY AND PAPERWORK BURDENS

Committee on Small Business: Held an oversight hearing on "IRS Initiatives to Reduce Regulatory and Paperwork Burdens on Small Business." Testimony was heard from Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

OVERSIGHT—TRUMAN VA MEDICAL CENTER

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care held an oversight hearing concerning management issues at the Harry S Truman VA Medical Center in Columbia, Missouri. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Gordon D. Christensen, M.D., Associate Chief of Staff, Research and Development and John T. Carson, Director, both with the Harry S Truman Medical Center; William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; Jack H. Kroll, Assistant Inspector General, Departmental Reviews and Management Support; Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; and Robert E. Coy, Deputy General Counsel.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1905, making appropriations for en-

ergy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report in disagreement on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFORM

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 1260, to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs from the Federal Government to States and localities, and to consider pending nominations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to examine alternatives to Federal forest land management and to compare land management cost and benefits on Federal and State lands, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1341, to provide for the transfer of certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the city of Scottsdale, Arizona, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Special Committee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine the quality of care in nursing homes, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to meet to discuss the status of hearings on issues relating to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E2031 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to continue markup of a measure 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, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on the Reform of Superfund Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 1514, Propane Education and Research Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on Civil Service Reform 11: Performance and Accountability, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the United Nations: Management, Finance, and Reform, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 1946, Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act of 1995, 10 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2235, Prior Domestic Commercial Use Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding methamphetamine, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2067, to facilitate improved management of National Park Service Lands; H.R. 2025, Park Renewal Fund Act; H.R. 2465, National Park Service Professionalization Act; and H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103-93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to markup the Federal Aviation Administration Revitalization Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the sale of 502 First Street, S.E., 1:30 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on H.R. 2494, Thrift Charter Conservation Tax Act of 1995, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9 a.m., Thursday, October 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1357, Budget Reconciliation.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Thursday, October 26

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Con. Res. 109, Social Security Earnings Test Reform (rule providing for 20 minutes of debate in the House); and

Continue consideration of H.R. 2491, Seven-Year Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 (modified rule, 3 hours of additional general debate).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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