

Wednesday, January 3, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Second Session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress convened.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S33

Measures Introduced: One bill and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1515 and S. Res. 207–208. **Page S30**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1371, entitled the "Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–201) **Page S30**

Measures Passed:

Commending Keith Kennedy: Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, commending J. Keith Kennedy. **Page S28**

Congratulating Brett Favre: Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, to congratulate Brett Favre, a native of Kiln, Mississippi, for winning the 1995 National Football League Most Valuable Player Award. **Pages S28–29**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Protocol with the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Treaty Doc. No. 104–23).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S28**

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

Transmitting the report on the continuation on the Libyan emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–107). **Page S29**

Transmitting the report concerning emigration laws and policies of Romania; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–108). **Pages S29–30**

Messages From the President: **Pages S29–30**

Messages From the House: **Page S30**

Communications: **Page S30**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S31–33**

Recess: Senate convened the Second Session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress at 12:00:15 p.m., and recessed at 3:46 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 4, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S33.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 2841; and 23 resolutions, H.J. Res. 138–155, and H. Res. 325–329 were introduced. **Page H90**

Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 330, authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from January 5, 1996, through January 23, 1996; waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions report from the

Committee on Rules during that period (H. Rept. 104-445). **Pages H50, H90**

Second Session: Pursuant to the 20th amendment to the Constitution, convened at noon on Wednesday, January 3, 1996 for the second session of the 104th Congress. **Page H1**

Notify the President: House agreed to H. Res. 325, providing for a committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Arney and Gephardt as members of the committee on the part of the House. **Page H2**

Inform the Senate: House agreed to H. Res. 326, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled. **Page H2**

Hour of Meeting: House agreed to H. Res. 327, providing for the hour of meeting of the House. **Page H2**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business for today. **Page H2**

Presidential Message—Loan Guarantees to Israel: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits an unclassified report on the Loan Guarantees to Israel Program—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H2**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 328, relating to the privileges of the House, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order. **Pages H2-7**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 167 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 2, agreed to the Arney motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair. **Pages H6-7**

Presidential Veto Message—Defense Authorization: Read a message from the President wherein he announces his veto of H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military strengths for fiscal year 1996, and explains his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-155). **Page H12**

Defense Authorization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 3, the House sustained the President's veto of H.R. 1530, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1996 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H12-22**

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on National Security. **Page H22**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Romanian emigration: Message wherein he transmits a report certifying the continued Romanian compliance with emigration policy—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-156); and **Pages H22-23**

National emergency with respect to Libya: Message wherein he transmits his continuance of a state of national emergency with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-157). **Pages H23**

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary: By a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 4, the House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override). **Pages H23-33**

Subsequently, the message and the bill were referred to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H33**

Farm Credit Relief: House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2029, to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief, with an amendment—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Pages H33-48**

Further Continuing Appropriations: House agreed to the Walsh motion that H.J. Res. 153, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, be considered as passed. **Pages H48-52**

Earlier, objection was heard to the Walsh motion that the joint resolution be considered as passed by the House. **Page H50**

Quorum Calls—Vote: One quorum call (Roll No. 1) and three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1, H6-7, H22, and H33.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RECESS AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by a vote of 8 to 4, a resolution authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair on calendar day Friday, January 5, 1996 through Tuesday, January 9, 1996 and during three day periods thereafter until calendar day Tuesday, January 23, 1996.

The resolution also waives clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a 2/3 vote to reconsider a rule on the same day it is reported) against certain resolutions

reported from the Committee on Rules before calendar day Wednesday, January 24, 1996. The waiver applies to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of any measures, amendments thereto, conference reports thereon, or amendments reported in disagreement from a conference (1) making general appropriations for the fiscal year 1996; (2) including provisions making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996; (3) including provisions increasing or waiving the public debt limit under section 3101 (b) of title 31, United States Code; and, (4) providing for a balanced budget by the year 2002.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 4, 1996

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Haiti: Human Rights and Police Issues, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
11 a.m., Thursday, January 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, January 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate may consider conference reports, if available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday and the balance of the week: Consideration of the President's veto of H.R. 1977, Interior Appropriations for fiscal year 1996;

Consideration of H.R. 2677, requiring the Secretary of the Interior to accept State donations of services of State employees in a period of government shutdown (closed rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of the President's veto of H.R. 4, Personal Responsibility Act of 1995; and

Consideration of the President's veto of H.R. 2099, VA, HUD and independent agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

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