

Friday, January 5, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S73–S109

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1516–1518, and S. Con. Res. 38. **Page S98**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
H.R. 629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–203) **Page S98**

Measures Passed:

Transmission of Continuing Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 131, establishing procedures making the transmission of the continuing resolution (H.J. Res. 134) to the President contingent upon the submission by the President of a 7-year balanced budget using updated economic and technical assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office.

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David J. Wheeler Federal Building: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2061, to designate the Federal building located at 1550 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon as the "David J. Wheeler Federal Building", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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VA Health Care: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from H.R. 2353, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain programs and activities, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 991, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Warner (for Simpson) Amendment No. 3116, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S107–08**

Subsequently, S. 991 was returned to the calendar.

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Bulgaria MFN/Continuing Appropriations Extension: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1643, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S84–86, S89**

Department of Defense Authorization: Pursuant to the order of September 6, 1995, Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 1124, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Thurmond, Warner, Cohen, Lott, Nunn, Exon, and Levin. **Page S92**

Harry Kizirian Post Office Building: Senate receded from its amendments to H.R. 1606, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 24 Corliss Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S102**

Further Continuing Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that once the Senate receives a message from the House on H.J. Res. 134, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, the Senate be deemed to have concurred in the amendment of the House to the resolution. **Pages S86, S89**

National Marine Fisheries—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a message from the House on H.R. 1358, to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the Senate be deemed to have concurred in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Pages S86–88**

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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 9:45 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, Jan-

uary 8, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S109.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2851-2861; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 131-132, and H. Res. 335, 337, and 339 were introduced. **Page H330**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 336, providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 134, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104-448); and

H. Res. 338, providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1358, to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts (H. Rept. 104-449).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bunning of Kentucky to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H189**

Recess: House recessed at 10:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Page H189**

Committee Hearings: H. Res. 310, expediting the commencement of committee hearings during the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, was laid on the table. **Page H193**

Specified Activities Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 7, the House agreed to the Livingston motion to agree, with amendments, to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1643, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria—returning the measure to the Senate. **Pages H203-16**

H. Res. 334, the rule which provided for the consideration of the motion to dispose of the Senate amendment to the bill, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question on

the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 6. **Pages H193-H203**

Recesses—Rule Waiver: By a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 8, the House agreed to 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 reported from the Committee on Rules during that period.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: House agreed to H. Res. 336, providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to H.J. Res. 134, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 9.

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Subsequently, pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 336, House agreed, with an amendment, to the Senate amendment to H. J. Res. 134—returning the measure to the Senate; and agreed to H. Con. Res. 131, establishing procedures making the transmission of H.J. Res. 134 to the President contingent upon the submission by the President of a 7-year balanced budget using updated economic and technical assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office. **Page H240**

Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 337, electing Representative Jackson to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Page H240**

Defense Authorizations: House passed S. 1124, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. **Pages H240-H306**

Agreed to the Spence amendment in the nature of a substitute (text of H.R. 1530 as reported from the committee of conference on December 13, 1995). Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H302-06**

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1124, and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Spence, Stump, Hunter, Bate-man, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Dellums, Montgomery, and Spratt.

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By a ye-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 10, House agreed to the Spence motion that the conference committee meetings on S. 1124 be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration, except that any Member of Congress has the right to attend any closed or open meeting.

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Harry Kizirian Post Office Building: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1606, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 24 Corliss Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as the "Harry Kizirian Post Office Building"—returning the measure to the Senate.

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Targeted Appropriations—Fisheries Laboratory Conveyance: By a recorded vote of 344 yeas to 24 noes, Roll No. 12, the House agreed to H. Res. 338, providing for the disposition of the Senate amendment to H.R. 1358, to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a ye-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 11.

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Pursuant to the rule, House agreed, with an amendment, to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1358—returning the measure to the Senate.

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Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through January 23, 1996.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H322–23.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H202–03, H216, H226, H239–40, H306–07, H321–22, and H322. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: Met at 10 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of the first section of H. Res. 330, recessed at 10:43 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

PROCEDURES FOR TRANSMISSION OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the adoption of an amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules to the Senate amendment. The rule provides for the adoption of a concurrent resolution making submission of the joint resolution to the President contingent on submission by the President to the Congress of a Congressional Budget Office certified, seven-year balanced budget. Finally, the rule provides that the Clerk shall not transmit the joint resolution to the Senate until it has agreed to the concurrent resolution to the House as adopted.

TARGETED APPROPRIATIONS/FISHERIES LABORATORY TRANSFER

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule providing for the concurrence in the Senate amendment, with an amendment printed the report of the Committee on Rules, to H.R. 1358, to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Obey and Browder.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1531)

H.R. 2808, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until March 31, 1996. Signed January 4, 1996. (P.L. 104–89)

H.J. Res. 153, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996. Signed January 4, 1996. (P.L. 104–90)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 8 through 13, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday* and during the balance of the week, Senate may consider conference reports, if available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: January 10 and 11, to resume hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, January 9, to consider subpoenas related to the Matter of the White House Travel Office, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

January 11, hearing on the White House Travel Office, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

January 11, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Unfunded Mandates in Medicaid, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, January 8

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House in recess subject to the call of the Chair

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 3:30 p.m.), Senate may consider conference reports, if available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: No legislative business is scheduled.

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