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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Continuing Appropriations, 1996, and Small Business Regulatory Reform.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2261–S2340

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1624–1626. **Page S2327**

Measures Passed:

Greens Creek Land Exchange: Senate passed H.R. 1266, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, clearing the bill for the President. **Page S2267**

Saccharin Notice Requirement: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirement, and the bill was then passed, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S2267–68**

Continuing Appropriations: By 79 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 42), Senate passed H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S2261–S2300, S2302–09, S2340**

Adopted:

(1) Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2261–S2300, S2302–09, S2340**

(2) Lautenberg Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for programs necessary to maintain essential environmental protection. **Page S2279**

(3) By 81 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 37), Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 3533 (to Amendment No. 3482), to increase appropriations for EPA water infrastructure financing, Superfund toxic waste site cleanups, operating programs, and to increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). **Pages S2277–78**

(4) By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 39), Coats Modified Amendment No. 3513 (to Amendment No. 3466), to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions. **Pages S2262–66, S2268–76, S2280**

(5) Simon Modified Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding to carry out title VI of the National Literary Act of 1991, title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act, and section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973. **Page S2280**

(6) By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 41), Wellstone Amendment No. 3520 (to Amendment No. 3466), to urge the President to release already-appropriated fiscal year 1996 emergency funding for home heating and other energy assistance, and to express the sense of the Senate on advance-appropriated funding for FY 1997. **Pages S2281–83**

(7) Murkowski/Stevens Modified Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reconcile seafood inspection requirements for agricultural commodity programs with those in use for general public consumers. **Pages S2283–84**

(8) Murkowski Amendment No. 3525 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for the approval of an exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument. **Pages S2276–77, S2284**

(9) Warner (for Thurmond) Modified Amendment No. 3526 (to Amendment No. 3466), to delay the exercise of authority to enter into multiyear procurement contracts for C-17 aircraft. **Page S2284**

(10) Hatfield Amendment No. 3553 (to Amendment No. 3466), to include funds for certain further programs and improve the bill. **Pages S2285–S2300, S2302–03, S2340**

Rejected:

(1) By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 38), Boxer/Murray Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No.

3466), to permit the District of Columbia to use local funds for certain activities. **Pages S2266–70, S2279**

(2) By 33 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 40), Gramm Amendment No. 3519 (to Amendment No. 3466), to make the availability of obligations and expenditures contingent upon the enactment of a subsequent act incorporating an agreement between the President and Congress relative to Federal expenditures.

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(3) McCain Amendment No. 3554 (to Amendment No. 3553), to provide that funds available for a grant for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities may be expended. **Pages S2302–03**

Withdrawn:

Gorton Amendment No. 3496 (to Amendment No. 3466), to designate the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center", located in Walla Walla, Washington. **Pages S2279–80**

Santorum Amendment No. 3484 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2279**

Santorum Amendment No. 3485 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2262**

Santorum Amendment No. 3486 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster relief provided under this Act be funded through amounts previously made available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be reimbursed through regular annual appropriations Acts. **Page S2262**

Santorum Amendment No. 3487 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I discretionary spending by the appropriate percentage (.367%) to offset Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2262**

Santorum Amendment No. 3488 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I "Salary and Expense" and "Administrative Expense" accounts by the appropriate percentage (3.5%) to offset Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2279**

Bond (for Pressler) Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for a Radar Satellite project at NASA. **Page S2279**

Bond Amendment No. 3515 (to Amendment No. 3466), to clarify rent setting requirements of law regarding housing assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act to limit rents charged moderate income families to that charged for comparable, non-assisted housing, and clarify permissible uses of rental income in such projects, in excess of operating costs and debt service. **Page S2279**

Bond Amendment No. 3516 (to Amendment No. 3466), to increase in amount available under the HUD Drug Elimination Grant Program for drug elimination activities in and around federally-assisted

low-income housing developments by \$30 million, to be derived from carry-over HOPE program balances. **Page S2279**

Bond Amendment No. 3517 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a special fund dedicated to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet crucial milestones in restructuring its administrative organization and more effectively address housing and community development needs of States and local units of government and to clarify and reaffirm provisions of current law with respect to the disbursement of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the State of New York. **Page S2279**

Bond (for McCain) Modified Amendment No. 3521 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster funds made available to certain agencies be allocated in accordance with the established prioritization processes of the agencies. **Pages S2275–76, S2284**

Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3522 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2284**

Warner Amendment No. 3523 (to Amendment No. 3466), to prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing any rule or ordinance that would terminate taxicab service reciprocity agreements with the States of Virginia and Maryland. **Pages S2279, S2303**

Burns Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3466), to allow the refurbishment and continued operation of a small hydroelectric facility in central Montana by adjusting the amount of charges to be paid to the United States under the Federal Power Act. **Page S2284**

Coats (for Dole/Lieberman) Amendment No. 3531 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for low-income scholarships in the District of Columbia. **Page S2279**

Also, the following amendments fell when an appeal of the ruling of the chair that Amendment No. 3551, listed below, was not relevant to Amendment No. 3466 was withdrawn:

Hatfield (for Burns) Amendment No. 3551 (to Amendment No. 3466), to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits. **Page S2262**

Burns Amendment No. 3552 (to Amendment No. 3551), to establish a Commission on restructuring the circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals. **Page S2262**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Hatfield, Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, Gorton,

McConnell, Mack, Burns, Shelby, Jeffords, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kerrey, Kohl, and Murray. **Page S2309**

Small Business Regulatory Reform: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 43), Senate passed S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities. **Pages S2309–21**

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on a fourth cloture motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Product Liability Conference Report—Cloture Vote/Consideration Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Public/Federal Grasslands Management—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. **Page S2340**

Appointments:

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. Section 276h–276k, appointed Senator Hutchison as the chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union during the second session of the 104th Congress. **Page S2340**

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

Transmitting the report of the budget of the U.S. Government for fiscal year 1997; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–133). **Pages S2325–27**

Messages From the President: **Pages S2325–27**

Messages From the House: **Page S2325**

Communications: **Page S2327**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S2327–31**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2331–32**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S2332–33**

Authority for Committees: **Page S2334**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2334–40**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total–43) **Pages S2278–81, S2283, S2309, S2316**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:40 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2340.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the military strategies and operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, Commander in Chief, United States European Command; Gen. J.H. Binford Peay III, USA, Commander in Chief, United States Central Command; Gen. John J. Sheehan, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Command; and Rear Adm. James B. Perkins III, USN, Acting Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command.

Hearings will continue on Thursday, March 21.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of the Navy Expeditionary Warfare Programs, receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. J.L. Jones, USMC, Director Expeditionary Warfare, Rear Adm. John O. Pearson, USN, Commander, Mine Warfare Command, and Rear Adm. Richard D. Williams III, USN, Program Executive officer for Mine Warfare, all of the Department of the Navy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 21.