

Thursday, May 16, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5111–S5214*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1762–1770, and S. Con. Res. 59. **Page S5191**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1080, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide additional investment funds for the Thrift Savings Plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–274)

S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system.

S. 1762, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

S. 1763, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for defense activities of the Department of Energy.

S. 1764, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military construction. **Pages S5190–91**

### Measures Passed:

*School Lunch/Breakfast Programs:* Senate passed H.R. 2066, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide greater flexibility to schools to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans under the school lunch and school breakfast programs, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S5207–08**

*Public Buildings Reform:* Senate passed S. 1005, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 to improve the process of constructing, altering, and acquiring public buildings, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Baucus) Amendment No. 3983, to make a technical correction. **Pages S5212–14**

**Congressional Budget:** Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S5111–40, S5143–86**

### Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 114), Frist Amendment No. 3968 (to Amendment No. 3965), to express the sense of the Senate that the discretionary spending caps should not include triggers that would make drastic reductions in non-defense discretionary spending in fiscal years 2001 and 2002 for the purpose of achieving a balanced budget in fiscal year 2002. **Pages S5129–38**

Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 3965 (listed below) was rejected.

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By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 116), Bond Amendment No. 3971 (to Amendment No. 3965), to restore funds to the Veteran's Administration Medical Care program, offset by a reduction in Welfare benefits. **Pages S5143–51, S5158**

Subsequently, the amendment fell when Amendment No. 3965 (listed below) was rejected.

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By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 118), Abraham/Domenici Amendment No. 3980, to express the sense of the Congress regarding Medicare trust fund solvency. **Pages S5169–75**

### Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 115), Exon Amendment No. 3973 (to Amendment No. 3965), to restore funds for Veterans benefits and services, offset by corporate tax increases. **Pages S5151–58**

Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3979, to restore \$50 billion in excessive Medicare cuts, offset by the extension of expired tax provisions or corporate and business tax reforms. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 117), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S5160–69, S5173**

By 45 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 119), Exon Amendment No. 3965, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. **Pages S5111–75**

### Pending:

Boxer Amendment No. 3982, to preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicaid program by controlling costs, providing State flexibility, and restoring critical standards and protections, including coverage for all populations covered under current law, to restore

\$18 billion in excessive cuts, offset by corporate and business tax reforms, and to express the sense of the Senate regarding certain Medicaid reforms.

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Wyden/Kerry Amendment No. 3984, to express the sense of the Senate regarding revenue assumptions.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution with amendments to be proposed thereto on Friday, May 17, 1996.

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#### Appointments:

*U.S. Military Academy:* The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed Senator Kohl, from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy, vice Senator Reid.

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

Transmitting the report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-146).

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

J. Rene Josey, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

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Messages From the President:

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Communications:

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Additional Statements:

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—119)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 17, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5177)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—FBI/DEA/STATE DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; and Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 23.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE/NIS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance to the New Independent States (N.I.S.), receiving testimony from Richard L. Morningstar, U.S. Coordinator for N.I.S. Assistance, Department of State; Thomas A. Dine, Assistant Administrator for Europe and the N.I.S., U.S. Agency for International Development; and Constantine Menges, George Washington University, and Eugene Iwanciw, Central and East European Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 21.

### APPROPRIATIONS—COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the United States Coast Guard from Adm. Robert E. Kramek, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.