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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Congressional Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5507–S5633

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1796–1821, S. Res. 256, and S. Con. Res. 60–62.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, to provide for sustainable fisheries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–276)

H.R. 1880, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building".

H.R. 2262, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, Alabama, as the "Holk Post Office Building".

H.R. 2704, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located on the 2600 block of East 75th Street in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building".

H.R. 2980, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking.

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Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 60, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Production of Committee Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, to authorize the production of records by the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Congressional Budget: By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 156), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United

States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, after striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. Con. Res. 57, Senate companion measure, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Thompson Amendment No. 3981, to express the sense of the Senate on the funding levels for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

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Domenici (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4023, to express the sense of the Senate that any comprehensive legislation sent to the President that balances the budget by a certain date and that includes welfare reform provisions shall also contain to the maximum extent possible a strategy for reducing the rate of out-of-wedlock births and encouraging family formation.

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Exon (for Biden) Amendment No. 4037, to provide for the Senate's support for Federal, State and local law enforcement.

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Harkin (for Specter) Amendment No. 4012, to restore funding for education, training, and health programs to a Congressional Budget Office freeze level for fiscal year 1997 through an across the board reduction in Federal administrative costs.

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By 76 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 153), Domenici Modified Amendment No. 4027 (to Amendment No. 4012), to adjust the fiscal year 1997 non-defense discretionary allocation to the Appropriation Committee by \$5 billion in budget authority and \$4 billion in outlays to sustain 1996 post-OCRA policy.

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By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 154), Exon (for Roth) Amendment No. 4025, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the funding of Amtrak.

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Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 4022, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Spectrum

auctions and their effect on the integrity of the budget process. **Pages S5516, S5533-38**

Rejected:

Bumpers Amendment No. 4014, to eliminate the defense firewalls. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5510-11**

Simpson (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4016, to express the sense of the Senate on long term entitlement reforms. (By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 149), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S5512**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 150), Chafee/Breaux Amendment No. 4018, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5512-15**

Feingold Amendment No. 3969, to eliminate the tax cut. (By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 151), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S5515-16**

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 155), Byrd Amendment No. 4040, to improve our water and sewer systems, national parks and Everglades, to be offset by closing corporate loopholes and changes in tax expenditures. **Pages S5521-25**

Withdrawn:

Murkowski Amendment No. 4041 (to Amendment No. 4022), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the filing of a legal brief. **Pages S5533-38**

During consideration of this measure, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas 41 nays (Vote No. 148), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Murkowski Amendment No. 4015, to prohibit sense of the Senate amendments from being offered to the budget resolution. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S5511-12**

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 152), upon appeal, Senate upheld a ruling of the Chair which failed to sustain a point of order that the resolution, as drafted, did not constitute a "budget resolution".

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: Senators Domenici, Grassley, Nickles, Gramm, Bond, Gorton, Exon, Hollings, Johnston, and Lautenberg. **Pages S5538, S5550**

Subsequently, S. Con. Res. 57 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S5550**

Defend America Act—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system and, by unanimous-

consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, June 4, 1996. **Page S5627**

Committee Authority: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, May 29, 1996, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Page S5632**

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

Transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Retirement Savings and Security Act"; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-150). **Pages S5564-65**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jeanne Givens, of Idaho, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2002.

Keith R. Hall, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Kerri-Ann Jones, of Maryland, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Gerald S. McGowan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1998.

Pete Peterson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

J. Davitt McAteer, of West Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Jerry M. Melillo, of Massachusetts, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

John Stern Wolf, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Heidi H. Schulman, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2002. **Page S5633**

Messages From the President:— **Pages S5564-65**

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—156)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Friday, May 24, 1996.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—U.N./USIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for the United Nations from Madeleine K. Albright, United States Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations; and in behalf of funds for the United States Information Agency from Joseph Duffey, Director, United States Information Agency; and David Burke, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, Department of State.

APPROPRIATIONS—CBO/CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for certain activities of the Legislative Branch, receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Howard O. Green, Jr., Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Gary Albrecht, Chief, Capitol Police, and Wilson Livingood, Chairman, Capitol Police Board, all on behalf of the United States Capitol Police.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, June 14.

APPROPRIATIONS—EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Environmental Protection Agency, receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 483, to amend Federal copyright provisions regarding preemption of laws concerning duration of copyrights, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2980, to prohibit and prescribe penalties for interstate stalking; and

The nomination of J. Rene Josey, to be a United States Attorney for South Carolina.

RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families held hearings to examine initiatives to encourage responsible fatherhood, receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, National Fatherhood Initiative, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; David Popenoe, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Charles Ballard, National Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Development, Washington, D.C.; and Randy Phillips, Promise-Keepers, Boulder, Colorado.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

VETERANS BENEFITS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation, S. 281, to change the date for the beginning of the Vietnam Era for the purpose of veterans benefits from August 5, 1964 to December 22, 1961, S. 749, to revise the authority relating to the Center for Minority Veterans and the Center for Women Veterans of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 993, to provide for cost-savings in the housing loan program for veterans, and to limit cost-of-living increases for Montgomery GI bill benefits, S. 994, to clarify the eligibility of certain minors for burial in national cemeteries, S. 995, to restrict payment of a clothing allowance to incarcerated veterans, S. 996, Veterans' Insurance Reform Act, S. 1131, to authorize the provision of financial assistance to insure that financially needy veterans receive legal assistance in connection with proceedings before the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, S. 1342, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make loans to refinance loans made to veterans under the Native American Veterans Direct Loan Program, S. 1711, to establish a commission to evaluate the programs of the Federal Government that assist members of the Armed Forces and veterans in readjusting to civilian life, S. 1748, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reorganize the Veterans Health Administration, S. 1749, to make technical changes in certain provisions relating