

Thursday, July 18, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Defense Appropriations, 1997.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8065–S8327

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1970–1974, and S. Res. 280 and 281. **Pages S8156–57**

Measures Passed:

DOD Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and by 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 200), the bill was passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1894, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on amendments pending thereto: **Pages S8065–70**

Rejected:

Harkin/Simon Amendment No. 4492, relating to payments by the Department of Defense of restructuring costs associated with business combinations. (By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8065–66**

Levin Amendment No. 4893, to strike funding for new production of F-16 aircraft in excess of six, and transfer the funding to increase funding for anti-terrorism support. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S8066**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Mack, Shelby, Gregg, Hatfield, Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Byrd, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, and Harkin. **Page S8070**

Subsequently, S. 1894 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S8070**

Regarding Crash of TWA Flight 800: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 202), Senate agreed to S. Res. 280, expressing the sense of the

Senate regarding the tragic crash of TWA Flight 800. **Pages S8104–05**

Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S8303**

Child Abuse Prevention: Senate passed S. 919, to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Roth (for Coats) Amendment No. 4926, to establish eligibility requirements, and provide funding through fiscal year 2001. **Pages S8309–11**

Budget Reconciliation: Senate began consideration of S. 1956, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S8070–S8150**

Adopted:

Lott Amendment No. 4894, to strike provisions providing for the restructuring of Medicaid. **Pages S8081–84**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 204) Dodd Amendment No. 4902, to restore health and safety protections with respect to child care. **Pages S8109–13**

Roth (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 4906, to protect recipients of federal energy assistance. **Pages S8119–20**

Roth (for Craig) Amendment No. 4907, to modify the requirement for expedited procedures to establish paternity and to establish, modify, and enforce support obligations. **Pages S8119–21**

Roth (for McCain) Amendment No. 4908, to provide for child support enforcement agreements between the States and Indian tribes or tribal organizations. **Pages S8119, S8121–23**

Roth (for Coats/Wyden) Amendment No. 4909, to require a State plan for foster care and adoption assistance to provide for the protection of the rights

of families, using adult relatives as the preferred placement for children separated from their parents where such relatives meet the relevant State child protection standards. **Pages S8119, S8123**

Kerry Modified Amendment No. 4913, to require the implementation of a corrective action plan in States in which child poverty has increased.

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Harkin/Coats Amendment No. 4915, to require each family receiving assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to enter into a personal responsibility agreement. **Pages S8136, S8138**

Wellstone/Murray Amendment No. 4919, to ensure that States which receive block grants under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act establish standards and procedures regarding individuals receiving assistance under such part who have a history of domestic abuse, who have been victimized by domestic abuse, and who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty. **Pages S8141–42**

Dodd/Snowe Amendment No. 4922, to correct provisions relating to quality standards for child care. **Page S8148**

Roth (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 4923, to encourage individuals to provide child care services. **Page S8149**

Roth (for Coats) Amendment No. 4924, to provide for the establishment of individual development accounts. **Page S8149**

Roth (for Abraham) Amendment No. 4925, to establish an illegitimacy reduction bonus fund. **Pages S8149–50**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 201), Daschle Amendment No. 4897, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8088–S8104**

Pending:

Murray Amendment No. 4903, to restore funds for the summer food service program for children. **Pages S8114–18**

Faircloth Amendment No. 4905, to prohibit recruitment activities in SSI outreach programs, demonstration projects, and other administrative activities. **Pages S8118–19**

Breaux Amendment No. 4910, to ensure needy children receive non-cash assistance to provide for basic needs until the Federal 5-year time limit applies. **Pages S8123–26**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4910, listed above. **Page S8126**

Faircloth Amendment No. 4911, to address multi-generational welfare dependency. **Pages S8126–27, S8143**

Biden/Specter Amendment No. 4912, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8127–31**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4912, listed above. **Page S8131**

Frist Modified Amendment No. 4914, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should ensure approval of State waiver requests. **Pages S8131–34**

Harkin Amendment No. 4916, to strike section 1253, relating to child nutrition requirements. **Pages S8136–38**

Santorum (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 4917, to ensure that recipients or caretakers of minor recipients of means-tested benefits programs are held responsible for ensuring that their minor children are up to date on immunizations as a condition for receiving welfare benefits. **Pages S8138–39**

Wellstone/Simon Amendment No. 4918, to require a report to Congress on the impact of increased numbers of impoverished children and recommendations for legislation to correct the increase. **Pages S8139–41**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4918, listed above. **Page S8141**

Graham Amendment No. 4921, to strike the provisions restricting welfare and public benefits for aliens. **Pages S8145–48**

Withdrawn:

DeWine Amendment No. 4920, to amend the Social Security Act to clarify that the reasonable efforts requirement includes consideration of the health and safety of the child. **Pages S8142–43**

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

Senate sustained a point of order that Section 1511 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 2923 of the bill was in violation of Section 313(b)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the provisions were stricken from the bill. **Page S8081**

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 203), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Ashcroft Amendment No. 4901, to ensure that welfare recipients are drug-free as a condition for receiving welfare assistance. 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 was ruled out of order. **Pages S8105–09**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto. **Page S8113**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Friday, July 19, 1996.

Safe Drinking Water Act—Conferees: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Chafee, Kempthorne, Thomas, Warner, Baucus, Reid, and Lautenberg. **Pages S8311–27**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following Nominations:

James P. Jones, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

Donald W. Molloy, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S8154–55**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page S8162**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8298–S8303**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—204) **Pages S8066, S8069, S8103–05, S8108–09, S8112–13**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:30 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, July 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8327.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION/ LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments; and

H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., David Clarke, Chairman, District of Columbia Council, and Andrew Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the performance of the United States economy and the conduct of monetary policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NATURAL DISASTER PROTECTION AND INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1043, to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, after receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Mary Griffin, Consumers Union, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, and Jordan Clark, United Homeowners Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Leonard Schulte, on behalf of the Florida State House of Representatives, Tallahassee; and Anthony R. O'Neill, National Fire Protection Association, Arlington, Virginia.

OREGON INLET PROTECTION/VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 988, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land to the Secretary of the Army to facilitate construction of a jetty and sand transfer system, and S. 1805, to provide for the management of Voyageurs National Park, after receiving testimony from Senator Helms; Representative Jones; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and Denis P. Galvin, Associate Director, National Park Service, both of the Department of the Interior; H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Wilma B. Liebman, Deputy Director, and Maureen Labenski, Regional Director, both of the