

Friday, May 16, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

The House passed H.R. 1385, the Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act.

The House agreed to a conference with the Senate on H.R. 1469, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act and appointed conferees.

House Committee ordered reported the Fiscal Year 1998 Concurrent Budget Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 757–762. Page S4658

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.J. Res. 32, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920. (S. Rept. No. 105–19)

Measures Passed:

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Pursuant to the order of May 8, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 672, Senate companion measure, as amended. 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, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Faircloth, Hutchison, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, and Boxer. Pages S4633–45

Appointments:

Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: The Chair, on be-

half of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Section 711(b)(2) of Public Law 104–293, appointed Senator Specter as a Member of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Page S4649

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Additional Statements: Page S4661

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:04 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4662.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ADULT EDUCATION

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to provide assistance to States and local communities to improve adult education and literacy skills, and to help achieve the national educational goals for all citizens, after receiving testimony from Patricia W. McNeil, Assistant Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education; Mary Paul Hankinson, Joel Mudge, and Kathy Garrow, all of the Vermont Adult Learning, East Montpelier; Stephen Steurer, Correctional Education Association, John Ryan, and Richard Dennis, all of Baltimore, Maryland; James Olson, Toyota

Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., Washington, D.C.; Lloyd David, Continuing Education Institute, Inc., Water-

town, Massachusetts; and Lois J. Thoms, Fire Control Instruments, Inc., Newton, Massachusetts.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 1650–1659; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 83, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 1276, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the research, development, and demonstration activities of the Environmental Protection Agency, amended (H. Rept. 105–99 Part I).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Christian of Washington, D.C.

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Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 343 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 138, the House passed H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

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Agreed To:

The McKeon amendment that requires that state collaborative processes represent diverse regions of the State, including urban, rural, and suburban areas; clarifies the development of accountability standards by the States and expedites their ability to enforce standards and provide comments to Congress; provides discretion to States to allocate funds not distributed under the formula; provides local discretion for summer youth and year-round disadvantaged youth programs; and streamlines the adult education provisions;

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The Graham amendment that clarifies that parents engaged in home schooling are not compelled to participate in the programs; emphasizes the importance of phonics in literacy; and specifies that local workforce development boards do not have the authority to mandate the curriculum for schools;

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The Traficant en bloc amendment that requires compliance with the provisions of the Buy America Act; expresses the Sense of Congress that entities receiving financial assistance should purchase only American-made equipment and products; and pro-

hibits contracts with persons falsely labeling products as made in America; and

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The McKeon amendment that streamlines the individualized rehabilitation plan for employment; provides for informed choice throughout the vocational rehabilitation process; allows services to individuals whose vocational goal is self-employment or business ownership; and requires that federal agencies provide certification of compliance with electronic and information technology accessibility guidelines.

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Rejected:

The Owens amendment that sought to separate the summer youth employment program from the disadvantaged youth block grant program (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 238 nays, Roll No. 137).

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Withdrawn:

The Millender-McDonald amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to revise the qualifications for membership on the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board; and

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish support for a workforce development coordinator on site at a secondary or post-secondary educational institution.

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1385 to make technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 150, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Livingston, McDade, Young of Florida, Regula, Lewis of California, Porter, Rogers, Skeen, Wolf, Kolbe, Packard, Callahan, Walsh, Taylor of North Carolina, Obey, Yates, Stokes, Murtha, Sabo, Fazio, Hoyer, Mollohan, Kaptur, and Pelosi.

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