

Thursday, September 11, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9097-S9241

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1162-1171, and S. Con. Res. 52. Pages S9197-98

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 360, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area. (S. Rept. No. 105-78)

S. 590, to provide for a land exchange involving certain land within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 105-79)

S. 783, to increase the accessibility of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-80) Page S9197

Measures Passed:

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 235), Senate passed S. 1061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S9097-S9133

Adopted:

Domenici (for Gorton) Modified Amendment No. 1122, to provide certain education funding directly to local educational agencies. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 232), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S9097, S9105-07

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 233), Nickles/Jeffords Amendment No. 1081, to limit the use of taxpayer funds for any future International Brotherhood of Teamsters leadership election. Pages S9097-S9101, S9107

Craig/Jeffords Amendment No. 1083 (to Amendment No. 1081), in the nature of a substitute. Page S9097

By 87 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 234), Gregg Modified Amendment No. 1070, to prohibit the use of funds for national testing in reading and mathematics, with certain exceptions. Pages S9097, S9101-05, S9107-08

Withdrawn:

Harkin/Bingaman/Kennedy Amendment No. 1115, to authorize the National Assessment Governing Board to develop policy for voluntary national tests in reading and mathematics. Pages S9097, S9108

Coats/Gregg Amendment No. 1071, to prohibit the development, planning, implementation, or administration of any national testing program in reading or mathematics unless the program is specifically authorized by Federal statute. Page S9097

Condemning Bombing in Jerusalem: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 50, condemning in the strongest possible terms the bombing in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S9239-40

Gorton (for Hutchinson) Amendment No. 1133, relating to monetary assistance to the Palestinian Authority and the size of the Palestinian police force. Page S9239

FDA Administration Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate began consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9133-57

Subsequently, the committee amendment was modified by inserting in lieu thereof the language of Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9145-57

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 1130, listed above and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, September 16, 1997.

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Interior Appropriations, 1998: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, agreeing to committee amendments with certain exceptions, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Gorton (for Gregg) Amendment No. 1132, to make technical corrections.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, September 15, 1997.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 236 EX), Joseph F. Bataillon, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

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By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 237 EX), Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 238 EX), Janet C. Hall, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

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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.

James Allan Hurd, Jr., of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Sharon J. Zealey, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2000.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—238)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 10 a.m., Friday, September 12, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9240.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings to examine the terms and parameters of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed and distributed in America, focusing on its long-term impact on farmers, children and the public health, receiving testimony from David A. Kessler, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, former U.S. Commissioner of Food and Drugs; C. Everett Koop, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, former U.S. Surgeon General; Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, Denver; J. Phil Carlton, Raleigh, North Carolina, former North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice; J. Walter Sinclair, Twin Falls, Idaho, on behalf of the American Heart Association; Scott D. Ballin, National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, Washington, D.C.; and Jeffrey E. Harris, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Hearings continue on Thursday, September 18.

ALASKAN LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 660, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Tom Fry, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jerome B. Komisar, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Bart Koehler, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Juneau; and Kevin Tritt, University of Alaska, Anchorage; and

S. 1092, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska, after receiving testimony from John Rogers,