

Monday, September 29, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.J. Res. 94, continuing resolution for the FY 1998.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10103–S10184

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1233–1236. **Page S10153**

Measures Passed:

Native American Programs: Senate passed S. 459, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain authorizations, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10183–84**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate resumed consideration of S. 25, to reform the financing of Federal elections, as modified, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10103–51**

Pending:

Lott Amendment No. 1258, to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10112**

Lott Amendment No. 1259 (to Amendment No. 1258), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10112**

Lott Amendment No. 1260 (to Amendment No. 1258), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10112**

Lott Amendment No. 1261, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10112–13**

Lott Amendment No. 1262 (to Amendment No. 1261), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Page S10113**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules and Administration with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment. **Pages S10113–16**

Lott Amendment No. 1263 (to instructions of motion to recommit), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Pages S10113–16**

Lott Amendment No. 1264 (to Amendment No. 1263), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10113–16**

Lott Amendment No. 1265 (to Amendment No. 1264), to guarantee that contributions to Federal political campaigns are voluntary. **Pages S10113–16**

Senate may resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 30, 1997.

Continuing Appropriations, 1998—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 94, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. **Page S10183**

Messages From the House:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, September 30, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10184.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FBI CRIME LAB

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded oversight hearings to review the operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation crime laboratory, after receiving testimony from Representative Wexler; Michael R. Bromwich, Inspector General, Donald W. Thompson, Jr., Acting Director, and Randall S. Murch, Deputy Assistant Director and Chief Scientific Officer, both of the FBI Laboratory Division,

Edmund Kelso and Drew Richardson, both FBI Lab Unit Chiefs, William Tobin, FBI Chief Metallurgist, and James E. Corby, former FBI Lab Unit Chief, all of the Department of Justice; Barry A.J. Fisher, Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Los Angeles,

California; Gerald B. Lefcourt, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Stephen M. Kohn, National Whistleblower Center, Washington, D.C.; and Frederic Whitehurst, La Plata, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 2570–2577; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 249–252, were introduced. Page H8160

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 695, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption, amended (H. Rept. 105–108 Part 5);

H.R. 512, to prohibit the expenditure of funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the creation of new National Wildlife Refuges without specific authorization from Congress pursuant to a recommendation from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to create the refuge (H. Rept. 105–276);

H.R. 2233, to assist in the conservation of coral reefs, amended (H. Rept. 105–277);

H.R. 1476, to settle certain Miccosukee Indian land takings claims within the State of Florida (H. Rept. 105–278);

H.R. 2007, to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project amended (H. Rept. 105–279);

H. Res. 253, providing for consideration of H. Res. 244, demanding that the Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California file criminal charges against Hermandad Mexicana Nacional for failure to comply with a valid subpoena under the Federal Contested Elections Act (H. Rept. 105–280);

H. Res. 254, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–281);

H. Res. 255, providing for consideration of H.R. 1370, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States (H. Rept. 105–282);

H. Res. 256, providing for consideration of H.R. 1127, to amend the Antiquities Act to require an

Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres (H. Rept. 105–283); and

Conference report on H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–284). Pages H8137–58, H8160

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8057

Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon. Page H8058

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Au Pair Programs: S. 1211, to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs (passed by a recorded vote of 377 ayes to 33 noes, Roll No. 462). Pages H8062, H8101–02

Small Business Programs: H.R. 2261, amended, to reauthorize and amend the programs of the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act (passed by a recorded vote of 397 ayes to 17 noes, Roll No. 463). Subsequently, the House passed S. 1139, a similar Senate-passed bill, after it was amended to contain the text of H.R. 2261 as passed the House; H.R. 2261 was then laid on the table; and the title of S. 1139 was amended. Pages H8070–81, H8102–13

Energy Policy and Conservation Act: H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (passed by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 454). Pages H8086–87, H8113–14

Suspensions—Votes Postponed: Further proceedings on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures were postponed until a subsequent legislative day: