

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2204, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Coast Guard.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1299-1303, S. Res. 137, and S. Con. Res. 54 and 55. **Page S10882**

Measures Passed:

Production of Senate Documents: Senate agreed to S. Res. 137, to authorize testimony, production of documents, and representation of employees of the Senate in the cases of *United States v. Tara LaJuan Edwards* and *United States v. Robbin Tiffani Stoney*.

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ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Page S10879**

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. **Page S10879**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10879**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10879**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. **Page S10879**

Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. **Page S10879**

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. **Page S10879**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, October 23, 1997. **Page S10879**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could also occur on Thursday, October 23, 1997. **Page S10879**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 22, 1997.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

George W. Black, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2001.

Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Timberlake Foster, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Richard Conway Casey, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

Dale A. Kimball, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Stephen W. Bosworth, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Paul R. Carey, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2002.

Laura S. Unger, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2001.

James E. Hall, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2002. Pages S10905–06, S10909

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10907.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held hearings to examine the costs of enlarging NATO membership to include Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic and the impact of enlargement on Department of Defense readiness, receiving testimony from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State; and William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

AIRLINE DEREGULATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held oversight hearings to review the status of competition in the airline industry as a result of airline deregulation and its related impact on consumers, focusing on certain restrictions to free market competition among airlines in America, receiving testimony from Patrick V. Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Jeff Griffith, Planning Director, Air Traffic Operations, Federal Aviation Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Fred C. Allvine, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Steven A. Morrison, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jay U. Sterling, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FINANCIAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regu-

latory Relief concluded oversight hearings to review the condition of the banking and thrift industries, including the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund, focusing on the trend of consolidation and integration among banks, thrifts, and other financial services providers, developments that pose risks to insured institutions, and computer compliance in the Year 2000, after receiving testimony from Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Nicolas Retsinas, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.

EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the economic and monetary union in Europe and its implications for the United States economy, receiving testimony from Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; Giovanni Ravasio, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium; and C. Randall Henning, American University and the Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, October 23.

DOMESTIC CRUISE AND SHIP TRADE INDUSTRIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on S. 803, to permit the transportation of passengers between United States ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and to encourage United States-flag vessels to participate in such transportation, S. 668, to provide an exemption to United States coastwise passenger trade laws for Alaska, and related issues, after receiving testimony from Senators Thurmond and Murkowski; Helen Hill, Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Charleston, South Carolina; Peter Blute, Massachusetts Port Authority, Boston; Thomas Garrett, Alaska Division of Tourism, Juneau; Michael A. Spinelli, American Society of Travel Agents, Lowell, Massachusetts; David F. Lauth, Cruising America Coalition, El Cajone, California; and Frank Pecquex, Maritime Trades Department/AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo, and William H. Twaddell, of