

Monday, November 3, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate confirmed Charles Rossotti to be IRS Commissioner.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11577–S11615*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1358 and S. Res. 142. Page S11599

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 538, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–131) Page S11599

#### Appointments:

**National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare:** The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, and in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–33, announced the appointed of the following members of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare: Senators Kerrey and Rockefeller. Page S11614

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the cancellation of discretionary budget authority (97–72) received on November 1, 1997; which was referred jointly, pursuant to P.L. 93–344, to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–77). Page S11598

Transmitting the report of the cancellation of discretionary budget authority (97–65) received on November 1, 1997; which was referred jointly, pursuant to P.L. 93–344, to the Committee on Appropriations and to the Committee on the Budget. (PM–78). Pages S11598–99

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations: By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. 290 EX), Charles Rossotti, of the District

of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Pages S11584–87, S11591–97, S11615

Curtis Warren Kamman, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia. Page S11615

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

John Charles Horsley, of Washington, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation. Page S11615

**Messages From the President:** Pages S11598–99

**Messages From the House:** Page S11599

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** Page S11599

**Statement on a Submitted Resolution:** Pages S11599–S11601

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page S11599

**Amendments Submitted:** Pages S11601–11

**Authority for Committees:** Page S11611

**Additional Statements:** Pages S11611–13

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total–290) Page S11597

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 Noon, and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, November 4, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11615.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### POSTMASTER GENERAL REPORT

**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the current state of the United States Postal Service, focusing on proposed increases in postage rates, after receiving testimony from Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General

and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT: INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to review activities of the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Inspector General, focusing on the Office of Inspector General's involvement in the initiation and management of an investigation involving certain Secret Service officials regarding their 1996 testimony before the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight on the process by which the White House access list is maintained and updated, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Gallo, Senior Special Agent, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, on behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association; and Valerie Lau, Inspector General, James M. Cottos, Senior Technical Advisor to the Inspector General, and Emily P. Coleman, Regional Inspector General for Investigations (Eastern Region), all of the Department of the Treasury.

#### TELEPHONE SLAMMING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hear-

ings to examine issues with regard to telephone slamming which is the unauthorized switching of a consumer's phone carrier without their authorization, after receiving testimony from Robert W. Spangler, Acting Chief, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; William H. Smith, Jr., Iowa Utilities Board, Ankeny; Geryl Kramer, Kramer Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; and Linda F. Golodner, National Consumers League, Wayne Huyard, MCI Communications Corporation, Susan R. Lichtenstein, Ameritech, and James M. Smith, Excel Communications, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

#### INDIAN JUDGMENT FUNDS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the provisions of H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, after receiving testimony from Representative Kildee; Michael J. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Arthur L. LeBlanc, Bay Mills Indian Community, Brimley, Michigan.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, November 4.

### *Committee Meetings*

No Committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings on mandating disclosure of Year 2000 problem compliance by publicly traded companies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 11 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the necessity of Federal involvement in the Next Generation Internet, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Curt Herbert Jr., of Mississippi, and Linda Key Breathitt, of Kentucky, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the status of Federal transportation programs in the absence of a multi-year reauthorization, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 627, authorizing funds for programs of the African Elephant Conservation Act, and S. 1287, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with

demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, 2 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*, business meeting, to mark up S. 759, to provide for an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity, S. Con. Res. 48, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran, and S. Con. Res. 58, expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law, and to consider pending nominations, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*, to hold hearings on the nominations of Ernesta Ballard, of Alaska, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to hold hearings to examine competition, innovation, and public policy in the digital age, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 976, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and to consider the nomination of Kevin Gover, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, 9:15 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, time and room to be announced.

## NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E2167 in today's Record.

## House

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing on the Millennium Bug: Banking and the Year 2000 computer problem, 2:45 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Federal-State Relationship: A Look into EPA Regulatory Reinvention Efforts, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on Privatization of Child Support Enforcement Services, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Postal Service, hearing on Improving Labor Management Relations in the Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—status of Department of Defense support program, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, to markup the following bills: H.R. 1659, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act; H.R. 2416, provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property; and H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interest in the National grasslands in Billings County, ND, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interest to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 2676, Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997; H. Res. 188, urging the executive branch to take action regarding the acquisition by Iran of C-802 Cruise missiles; H.R. 967, to prohibit the use of United States funds to provide for the participation of certain Chinese officials in international conferences, programs, and activities and to provide that certain Chinese officials shall be ineligible to receive visas and be excluded from admission to the United States; H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act of 1997; H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997; H.R. 2358, Political Freedom in China Act of 1997; H.R. 2386, U.S.-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act; H.R. 2570, Forced Abortion Condemnation Act; H.R. 2605, Communist China Subsidy Reduction Act of 1997; and H.R. 2647, to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the U.S. are monitored and are subject to the authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 2 p.m.; and to hold a hearing on H. Res. 298, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the rule allowing subpoenaed witnesses to choose not to be photographed at committee hearings, 6 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on The Global Dimensions of the Millennium Bug, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, oversight hearing on the Future of United States-China Trade Relations and the possible Accession of China to the World Trade Organization, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 7 through October 31, 1997

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	143	124	..
Time in session .....	1020 hrs., 12'	912 hrs., 56'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	11575	9866	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	2165	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	14	53	67
Private bills enacted into law .....	1	1	2
Bills in conference .....	3	5	8
Measures passed, total .....	258	410	668
Senate bills .....	74	20	..
House bills .....	60	188	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	4	2	..
House joint resolutions .....	8	10	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	18	8	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	18	37	..
Simple resolutions .....	76	145	..
Measures reported, total .....	200	346	546
Senate bills .....	131	4	..
House bills .....	15	231	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	2	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	2	9	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	11	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	2	9	..
Simple resolutions .....	37	92	..
Special reports .....	20	11	..
Conference reports .....	..	15	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	111	61	..
Measures introduced, total .....	1594	3375	4969
Bills .....	1357	2794	..
Joint resolutions .....	37	98	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	59	183	..
Simple resolutions .....	141	300	..
Quorum calls .....	6	6	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	289	238	..
Recorded votes .....	..	323	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	2	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 7 through October 31, 1997

Civilian nominations, totaling 474, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	235
Unconfirmed .....	229
Withdrawn .....	10
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 3,092, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	2,284
Unconfirmed .....	808
Air Force nominations, totaling 8,120, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	8,113
Unconfirmed .....	7
Army nominations, totaling 6,245, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	6,220
Unconfirmed .....	25
Navy nominations, totaling 6,157, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	4,847
Unconfirmed .....	1,310
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,679, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	1,679
Unconfirmed .....	0
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations received this session .....	25,767
Total confirmed .....	23,378
Total unconfirmed .....	2,379
Total withdrawn .....	10

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 130 reports have been filed in the Senate, a total of 372 reports have been filed in the House.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Tuesday, November 4

Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the recognition of four Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act For Public and Private Schools, and vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1269, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. for respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 4

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of 20 Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act;
2. H.R. 1967, to provide that the distribution before January 1, 1978, of a phonorecord shall not for any purpose constitute a publication of the musical work;
3. H.R. 2265, No Electronic Theft Act;
4. H.R. 1493, to require the Attorney General to establish a program in local prisons to identify, prior to arraignment, criminal aliens and aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States;
5. H.J. Res. 91, Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flat River Basin Compact;

6. H.J. Res. 92, Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa river basin Compact;

7. H.R. 1702, Commercial Space Act; and

8. H.R. 1839, National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection Act of 1997;

9. H.R. 1836, Federal Employees Health Care Protection Act of 1997;

10. H.R. 2675, Federal Employees Life Insurance Improvement Act;

11. H.R. 404, transfer to State and local governments certain surplus property for use for law enforcement or public safety purposes;

12. H.R. 1856, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997;

13. H.R. 434, Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest Land Conveyance;

14. S. 587, Hinsdale County, Colorado Land Exchange;

15. S. 588, providing for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness;

16. S. 589, providing for a Boundary Adjustment and Land Conveyance Involving the Raggeds Wilderness;

17. S. 591, Transferring the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest;

18. H.R. 1604, Providing for the Division, Use, and Distribution of Judgment Funds of the Ottawa and Chipewewa Indians;

19. H.R. 948, Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chipewewa Indians Act; and

20. S. 931, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Designation Act; and

Consideration of H.R. 2746, HELP Scholarships Act (closed rule, 2 hours of general debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act (open rule, 1 hour of general debate).

NOTE: *No recorded votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.*



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