

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

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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.

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.

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