

Saturday, November 8, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Labor/HHS Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12073-S12215

Measures Introduced: Thirty six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1457-1492, S. Res. 148 and 149, and S. Con. Res. 66. Pages S12118-19

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998." S. Rept. No. 105-145)

S. 156, to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-146)

S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995. (S. Rept. No. 105-147)

H.R. 1658, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-148)

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Measures Passed:

Adoption Promotion Act: Senate passed H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12198-S12202

Craig Amendment No. 1614, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S12198-S12201

National Voluntary Mutual Reunion: Senate passed S. 1487, to establish a National Voluntary Mutual Reunion. Page S12202

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 508, to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi. Page S12203

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 857, for the relief of Roma Salobrit. Page S12203

Private Relief: Senate passed S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S12203

Craig (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1615, to provide for a diversity immigrant visa for fiscal year 1998. Page S12203

Private Relief: Senate passed H.R. 2731, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12203

Private Relief: Senate passed H.R. 2732, for the relief of John Andre Chalot, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S12203-04

Asian Elephant Conservation: Senate passed H.R. 1787, 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, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12204

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 66, to correct the enrollment of S. 399. Page S12204

Federal Charter Repeal: Senate passed H.R. 497, to amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12204-05

Craig (for Thompson) Amendment No. 1616, to make a technical correction. Page S12205

Russian Religious Law: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 58, expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law. Pages S12205-06

Transportation Laws Codification: Senate passed H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change

laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code, clearing the measure for the President.

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Diplomatic Immunity Report: Senate passed S. 759, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Aviation Insurance Program Authorization: Senate passed S. 1193, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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National Family Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, designating the week beginning November 23, 1997, and the week beginning on November 22, 1998, as "National Family Week".

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Uniform Relocation Assistance Reform: Senate passed S. 1258, to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Craig (for Bennett) Amendment No. 1617, to make a technical correction.

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Ohio Land Conveyance: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1347, to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city, and the bill was then passed.

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Labor/HHS Appropriations—Conference Report: By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 298), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1594, to establish an emergency commission to end the trade deficit.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1602, to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act.

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Reed Amendment No. 1613, to establish that the principal negotiating objective of the United States regarding the environment is to promote adherence to internationally recognized environmental standards.

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Export-Import Bank Authorizations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1026, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ernestine P. Watlington, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

John T. Broderick, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Olivia A. Golden, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Rodney W. Sippel, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Nancy-Ann Minn DeParle, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration.

Terry D. Garcia, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Ela Yazzie-King, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1999.

Bruce C. Kauffman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Eva M. Plaza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

G. Douglas Jones, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Jerry MacArthur Hultin, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Peter J. Hurtgen, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2001.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 1997.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2002.

Robert M. McNamara, Jr., of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

24 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy. Pages S12214–15

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Cyril Kent McGuire, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999.

Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1996.

Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1997.

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring October 3, 2000.

Ronald M. Gould, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Barry G. Silverman, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Sam A. Lindsay, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999, which was received by the Senate on October 28, 1997.

Sara McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000, which was received by the Senate on January 9, 1997.

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Additional Statements: Pages S12189–S12202

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—298) Pages S12094–95

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Sunday, November 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12210.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DC/FOREIGN OPERATIONS/COMMERCE/JUSTICE/STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Committee met and approved a committee amendment making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia, foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, and the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (As approved by the committee, the amendment will be offered as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations Act (pending on Senate Calendar).)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.