

Monday, November 10, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Further Continuing Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12435–S12501

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1513–1521, S.J. Res. 38, and S. Res. 155.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 986, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the housing loan programs for veterans and eligible persons, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–153)

S. 1216, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–154)

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Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 105, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Surface Transportation Extension Act: Senate passed S. 1519, to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

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Cellular Telephone Protection Act: Senate passed S. 493, to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Lott (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1634, relating to forfeiture to the United States of any real or personal property used or intended to be used to commit, facilitate, or promote the commission of certain offenses.

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Lott (for Kyl) Amendment No. 1635, to make certain technical corrections.

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Law Enforcement Technology Advertisement Clarification Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1840, to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Veterans Benefits Revisions: Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1090, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Medal of Honor: Senate passed H.R. 2813, to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict, clearing the measure for the President.

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Census of Agriculture: Senate passed H.R. 2366, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, clearing the measure for the President.

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Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act: Senate passed H.R. 1658, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Visa Waiver Pilot Program: Senate passed S. 1517, to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program.

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National Drought Policy Act: Senate passed S. 222, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Denial of Veterans' Benefits: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 923, to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit interment or memorialization in certain cemeteries of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12488**

Native American Housing: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 714, to extend and improve the Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, and to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12488-94**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia.

Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Stanley Louis McLelland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti.

Frank D. Yturria, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring June 26, 2002.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Messages From the House: **Page S12460**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 2:12 p.m., until 12 noon, on Wednesday, November 12, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12500.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Wednesday, November 12th.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1190)

H.J. Res. 101, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Signed November 7, 1997. (P.L. 105-68)

H.J. Res. 104, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Signed November 9, 1997. (P.L. 105-69)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings to examine military training on readiness impact of the Protocols to the framework Convention on climate change, 1 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine the Copyright Office Report on Compulsory Licensing of Broadcast Signals, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, oversight hearing on the District of Columbia Water Authority, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing on Federal Debt Collection Practices, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 Noon, Wednesday, November 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will consider any conference reports that become available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

NOTE: Suspensions can be brought up with an hour's notice and Conference Reports can be brought up at any time. No votes are expected before 5 p.m.

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