

Thursday, August 6, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2183, Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act.
The House passed H.R. 4380, D.C. Appropriations Act.
House Committees ordered reported 23 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon on Monday, August 31, 1998.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 102 public bills, H.R. 4416–4517; 3 private bills, H.R. 4518–4520; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 127, H. Con. Res. 322–325, and H. Res. 518 and 519, were introduced.

Pages H7410–14

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3532, to authorize Appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1999, amended (H. Rept. 105–680);

H.R. 4283, to support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa (H. Rept. 105–681 Part 1);

H.R. 3869, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, amended (H. Rept. 105–682); and

H.R. 4006, to clarify Federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide, or euthanasia, of any individual, amended (H. Rept. 105–683 part 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Goodlatte to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that for August 6 and August 7 all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled “Extensions of Remarks.”

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Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act: The House passed S. 1379, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, and the National Security Act of 1947 to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons, disclose Nazi war criminal records without impairing any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H7295–97

Amending Fastener Quality Act: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3824, amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H7297–98

Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House passed H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election

Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 405. Pursuant to the rule, the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 13 and agreed to on August 3 was adopted. **Pages H7298–H7330**

Rejected:

The Doolittle amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 5 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to repeal limits on campaign contributions by individuals, political parties, and political action committees to candidates or political parties (rejected by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 403); **Pages H7312–13**

The Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 8 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to use the text of H.R. 2183 and increase limits on PAC contributions to political parties from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year and clarify that candidates may attend state political party fundraisers in their home state (rejected by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 222 noes with 61 voting “present”, Roll No. 404). **Pages H7328–30**

H. Res. 442, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 21.

D.C. Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 4380, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 214 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 416. **Pages H7335–H7401**

Agreed To:

The Moran of Virginia amendment that clarifies that the environmental study and related activities at the Lorton Correctional Complex will include the property on which the complex is located; **Pages H7345–46**

The Traficant amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to transfer or confine inmates classified above the medium security level, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, to the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center located in Youngstown, Ohio; **Pages H7370–72**

The Barr amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to conduct a ballot initiative which seeks to legalize or reduce the penalties associated with the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substance Act or any tetrahydrocannabinol derivative; **Pages H7388–89**

The Arney amendment that provides both tuition scholarships and enhanced achievement scholarships for grades K through 12 for District of Columbia residents whose family incomes meet the eligibility qualifications (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 411); **Pages H7389–97**

The Tiahrt amendment that prohibits any funds to be used on a program which distributes needles for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug and prohibits payments to any persons or entities who carry out such a program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 412); **Pages H7372–77, H7397–98**

The Largent amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to carry out a joint adoption of a child between individuals who are not related by blood or marriage (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 414); **Pages H7381–85, H7399**

The Bilbray amendment that prohibits the possession of tobacco products by minors (agreed to by a recorded vote of 283 ayes to 138 noes, Roll No. 415); **Pages H7385–88, H7399–H7400**

Rejected:

The Norton amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record that provides \$573,000 for the Neighborhood Advisory Commissions (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 407); **Pages H7346–49, H7367–68**

The Norton amendment numbered 2 printed in the Congressional Record that allows funds other than Federal funds to be expended for abortions (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 243 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 408); **Pages H7353–58, H7368–69**

The Norton amendment numbered 3 printed in the Congressional Record that removes the prohibition against the use of funds by the District of Columbia government for a petition drive or civil action which seeks to require Congress to provide for voting representation in Congress (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 409); **Pages H7359–62, H7369**

The Norton amendment numbered 4 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to strike the Section 149 that repeals the Residency Requirement Reinstatement Amendment Act of 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 313 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 410); and **Pages H7362–67, H7369–70**

The Moran of Virginia amendment, as modified, that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug (rejected by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 413). **Pages H7377–81, H7398–99**

Points of Order:

Point of Order sustained against Sec. 131, relating to operational funds being available only when appropriated in an annual appropriations Act. **Page H7353**

H. Res. 517, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a ye and nay vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 406.

Pages H7331–35

Canadian River Project, Texas: The House passed H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas. Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment.

Pages H7401–02

San Isabel National Forest: The House passed H.R. 1865, to designate certain lands in the San Isabel National Forest, in Colorado, as the Spanish Peaks Wilderness.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella or, if not available to perform this duty, Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

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Meeting Hour—August 7: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 1998.

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Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 9, 1998, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 9, 1998.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes and twelve recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7312–13, H7329–30, H7330, H7335, H7367–68, H7368–69, H7369, H7369–70, H7396–97, H7397–98, H7398–99, H7399, H7399–H7400, and H7400–01. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:58 a.m. on Friday, August 7.

Committee Meetings

FOREST SERVICE COST REDUCTION AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported amended H.R. 4149, Forest Service Cost Reduction and Fiscal Accountability Act of 1998.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity approved for full Committee action amended the fol-

lowing bills: H.R. 3899, American Homeownership Act of 1998; and Sections 301 and 303 of H.R. 3865, American Community Renewal Act of 1998.

EPA'S TITLE VI—INTERIM GUIDANCE AND ALTERNATIVE STATE APPROACHES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's Title VI Interim Guidance and Alternative State Approaches. Testimony was heard from Ann E. Goode, Director, Office of Civil Rights, EPA; Michael J. Hogan, Counselor to the Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; Barry R. McBee, Chairman, Natural Resources Conservation Commission, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

ANTI-SLAMMING AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3888, Anti-slammings Amendments Act.

AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Review of the Garment Industry Proviso. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Adopted a report finding Attorney General Janet Reno in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with the subpoena duces tecum served on her.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3921, Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1998.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Title II of H.R. 4244, Federal Procurement System Performance Measurement and Acquisition Workforce Training Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Duncan; G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 633, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to

Federal law enforcement officers; and H. R. 4309, Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998.

The Committee also favorably amended the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 4038, to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America"; and H. Con. Res. 185, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration.

HOLOCAUST ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Property Issues of the Holocaust. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 4019, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1998.

OVERSIGHT—DRUG DIVERSION INVESTIGATIONS BY DEA

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on drug diversion investigations by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Gregory K. Williams, Chief of Operations, DEA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 576, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake the necessary feasibility studies regarding the establishment of certain new units of the National Parks System in the State of Hawaii; H.R. 2125, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey; H.R. 2800, amended, Battle of Midway National Memorial Study Act; H.R. 2970, amended, National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 1997; H.R. 4230, amended, El Porto Administrative Site Land Exchange Act; H.R. 3705, amended, The Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act; H.R. 3746, amended, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to the Valley Forge National Historical Park; H.R. 3883, to revise the boundary of the Abraham Lin-

coln Birthplace National Historic Site to include Knob Creek Farm; H.R. 3910, amended, Automobile National Heritage Area Act of 1998; H.R. 3950, amended, Otay Mountain Wilderness Act of 1998; H.R. 3963, to establish terms and conditions under which the Secretary of the Interior shall convey leaseholds in certain properties around Canyon Ferry Reservoir; H.R. 3981, amended, to modify the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument; H.R. 4109, Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1998; H.R. 4141, amended, to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area to modify the boundaries of the Area, and to provide for the protection of lands, waters, and natural, cultural, and scenic resources within the national recreation area; H.R. 4144, amended, Cumberland Island Preservation Act; H.R. 4211, amended, to establish the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site, in association with the Tuskegee University, in the State of Alabama; H.R. 4158, amended, National Park Enhancement and Protection Act; H.R. 4287, amended, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Boundary Adjustments Act; H.R. 4289, amended, to provide for the purchase by the Secretary of the Interior of the Wilcox ranch in Eastern Utah for management as wildlife habitat; and H.R. 4182, to establish the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in the State of Arkansas.

MANDATORY DRUG TESTING—MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE

Committee on Rules: On August 5th, the Committee began markup of a measure to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for mandatory drug testing of Members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives.

Committee recessed subject to call.

OVERSIGHT—TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AT FAA

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on Technology Development at FAA: Computer and Information Technology Challenges of the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Dennis DeGaetano, Deputy Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and John Meche, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Finance, Economic and Information Technology; and Joel C. Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on how project labor agreements on public construction

projects are negatively affecting women and minority-owned businesses. Testimony was heard from Nancy McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

PILOT LICENSES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on H.R. 1846, to provide for the immediate application of certain orders relating to the amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of certificates under chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; Peggy Gilligan, Deputy Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, FAA, Department of Transportation; the following officials of the National Transportation Safety Board: Daniel D. Campbell, General Counsel; and Harry L. Riggs, Jr., President, Bar Association; and public witnesses.

BEACHES AND OCEANS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2094, Beaches Environmental Assessment, Closure, and Health Act of 1997; H.R. 3445, Oceans Act of 1998; and S. 1213, Oceans Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilbray, Pallone, Saxton and Farr; J. Charles Fox, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Sally J. Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David B. Rosenblatt, Supervisor, Local Shore Programs, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE'S HOME HEALTH BENEFITS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare's Home Health Benefits. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing Systems, GAO; Gail

Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

REPORT—YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight approved for full Committee action a report entitled Year 2000 Computer Problem.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS; KOREAN PENINSULA BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider pending Committee business.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a briefing on Korean Peninsula. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following: the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act; H.R. 3046, Police, Fire, and Emergency Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998; S. 1976, Crime Victims with Disabilities Awareness Act; H.R. 804, to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that Federal funds made available to hire or rehire law enforcement officers are used in a manner that produces a net gain of the number of law enforcement officers who perform non-administrative public safety services; and H.R. 1524, Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for July, 1998, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
12 noon, Monday, August 31

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 a.m., Friday, August 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate may consider any cleared executive or legislative business.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: No legislative business.



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