

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Development Appropriations Conference Report.

House passed H.J. Res. 191 Conferring Honorary U.S. Citizenship to Mother Teresa.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S10617–S10728*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2080–2087, S.J. Res. 60, S. Res. 293–294, and S. Con. Res. 71.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1997" (S. Rept. No. 104–370)

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**Measures Passed:**

*Intelligence Authorizations:* Senate passed H.R. 3259, authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1718, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S10626–47**

Specter/Kerrey Amendment No. 5355, to strike section 718, relating to terms of service of members of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

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Specter (for Thurmond/Nunn) Amendment No. 5356, relating to the functions of the Assistant Director of Intelligence for Collection.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Specter, Lugar, Shelby, DeWine, Kyl, Inhofe, Hutchison, Cohen, Brown, Kerrey, Glenn, Bryan, Graham, Kerry, Baucus, Johnston, and Robb; and from the

Committee on Armed Services: Senators Thurmond and Nunn.

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Subsequently, S. 1718 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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*Commending Howard O. Greene:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 293, saluting the service of Howard O. Greene, Jr., to the United States Senate.

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*Severance Pay:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 294, to provide for severance pay.

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*Electronic Freedom of Information Improvement Act:* Senate passed S. 1090, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**Pages S10713–17**

*Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act:* Senate passed S. 1965, to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S10717–23**

McCain (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5365, to make certain technical and conforming amendments.

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McCain (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 5366, to provide enhanced penalties for offenses involving certain listed chemicals.

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*Capitol Guide Service:* Senate passed S. 2085, to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services.

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*Printing Authorization:* Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of

the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10723**

*Christian Persecution:* Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 71, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the persecution of Christians worldwide. **Pages S10723–24**

*Thrift Savings Plan Act:* Senate passed S. 1080, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide additional investment funds for the Thrift Savings Plan, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S10724–27**

McCain (for Kerrey/Pryor) Amendment No. 5367, to provide information concerning the cost of certain loans relative to other sources of financing. **Page S10726**

*Enrollment Correction:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 211, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.R. 3060. **Page S10728**

#### Measure Rejected:

*Medicare Hospital Reimbursement:* Senate failed to agree to S.J. Res. 60, to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration on August 30, 1996, relating to hospital reimbursement under the Medicare program. **Page S10723**

**Department of the Interior Appropriations, 1997:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10650, S10653–57**

Pending:

Pressler Amendment No. 5351, to promote the livestock industry. **Page S10650**

Bumpers Modified Amendment No. 5353 (to committee amendment on page 25, line 4 through line 10), to increase the fee charged for domestic livestock grazing on public rangelands. (By 50 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S10650, S10653–56**

**FAA Authorization:** Senate began consideration of S. 1994, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10662–81**

Adopted:

McCain (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5360, to make certain modifications with regard to the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Pages S10670–71**

Warner Amendment No. 5363, to provide for additional considerations for the selection of projects for grants from the discretionary fund. **Page S10678**

Pending:

Chafee Amendment No. 5361, to remove certain provisions with regard to FAA's authority to regulate aircraft engine standards. **Pages S10672–74**

Simon/Jeffords Amendment No. 5364, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 with respect to the auditing of employee benefit plans. **Pages S10680–81**

Withdrawn:

Warner Amendment No. 5362, to provide for the use of passenger facility fees for a debt financing project. **Page S10678**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, September 18, 1996. **Page S10675**

**Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report:** By 92 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 292), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10618–24, S10656**

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

Karen Shepherd, of Utah, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Lorraine Weiss Frank, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002.

Ronald Kent Burton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2002. **Page S10728**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S10682**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S10682–84**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S10691–S10710**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S10710–13**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:35 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 18, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10728.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 6,238 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

### AVIATION SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded closed hearings to examine aviation security challenges, after receiving testimony from David R. Hinson, Administrator, Adm. Cathal L. Flynn, Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security, both of the Federal Aviation Administration, and Adm. Paul E. Busick, Director of Intelligence and Security, all of the Department of Transportation; Keith O. Fultz, Assistant Comptroller General for the Resources Community and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Robert M. Blitzer, Section Chief, National Security Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Carol Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and John O. Klinkenberg, Northwest Airlines, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

### COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine issues relating to computational biology, after receiving testimony from David L. Kingsbury, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; John C. Mazziotta, University of California School of Medicine, Los Angeles; Ingrid C. Burke, Colorado State University, Fort Collins; Robert J. Swenson, Montana State University, Bozeman; and Mary E. Clutter, National Science Foundation, Arlington, Virginia.

### GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Administration's policy with regard to global climate change, after receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs;

Sallie Baliunas, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, and W. David Montgomery, Charles River Associates Incorporated, both of Washington, D.C.; Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Scripps Institution of Oceanography/University of California at San Diego; and John P. Weyant, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

### CONGRESSIONAL/PRESIDENTIAL/JUDICIAL PENSION FORFEITURE ACT

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 1794, to provide for the forfeiture of retirement benefits in the case of any Member of Congress, congressional employee, or Federal justice or judge who is convicted of an offense relating to official duties of that individual, and for the forfeiture of the retirement allowance of the President for such a conviction, receiving testimony from Senators Gregg and Reid; John Landers, Chief, Retirement Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management; John C. Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Judge S. Jay Plager, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the activities and progress of the National Labor Relations Board, after receiving testimony from William B. Gould IV, Chairman, and Fred Feinstein, General Counsel, both of the National Labor Relations Board; Dan Yager, Labor Policy Association, and Charles Craver, George Washington University Law School, both of Washington, D.C.; and G. Roger King, Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management.

### INDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how to foster economic growth and development on Indian reservations, focusing on the role of Federal policy, tribal policy, and private sector development and jobs, after receiving testimony from Joseph P. Kalt, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development/Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Phillip Martin, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Mississippi; Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Scottsdale, Arizona; and Peter J. Ferrara, Americans for Tax Reform, and Richard Cowden, American Association of Enterprise Zones, both of Washington, D.C.