

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed FAA Authorization bill.
Senate agreed to Transportation Appropriations Conference Report.
House passed Department of Transportation Appropriations Conference Report.
House Committees ordered reported 24 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10729–S10898

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2088–2091, S.J. Res. 61, and S. Res. 295. Pages S10837–38

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 2504, to designate the Federal building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States Courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the “Veach-Baley Federal Complex”.

H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the “Sammy L. Davis Federal Building”.

H.R. 3400, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the “Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the “William H. Natcher Bridge”.

S. 1875, to designate the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the “James A. Redden Federal Courthouse”.

S. 1977, to designate a United States courthouse located in Tampa, Florida, as the “Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse”. Page S10837

Measures Passed:

FAA Authorization: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 293), Senate passed H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration,

after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1994, Senate companion measure, and after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Chafee Modified Amendment No. 5361, to remove certain provisions with regard to Federal Aviation Administration authority to regulate aircraft engine standards, and to provide that the Environmental Protection Agency shall consult with the FAA on aircraft engine emission standards.

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Ford (for Reid) Amendment No. 5359, to express the sense of the Senate regarding acts of international terrorism. Page S10743

Ford (for Bryan) Amendment No. 5369, to provide for additional days for comment for proposed regulations establishing special flight rules in the vicinity of Grand Canyon National Park. Page S10743

Ford (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 5372, to prohibit the Surface Transportation Board from increasing user fees. Page S10743

Ford (for Exon) Amendment No. 5371, to assure adequate resources for the Essential Air Service Program. Page S10743

McCain (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5368, of a technical nature. Pages S10743–44

McCain (for Helms) Amendment No. 5377, to provide for the transfer of the United States’ interest in the Hickory, North Carolina Air Traffic Control Tower. Page S10744

Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 5370, to provide for expenditures from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Page S10744

McCain (for Brown) Amendment No. 5378, to provide for the reporting for procurement contracts. Page S10750

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

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Ford (for Graham) Amendment No. 5373, to clarify the authority of the Customs Service to require air carriers to provide by electronic transmission advance cargo and passenger manifest information.

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McCain Amendment No. 5379, of a technical nature.

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McCain Amendment No. 5374, to provide for sequential referral of an implementing bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Finance.

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Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, S. 1994 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Economic Espionage Act: Senate passed H.R. 3723, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10882–85

Stevens (for Specter/Kohl) Amendment No. 5384, in the nature of a substitute.

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Stevens (for Grassley/Kyl) Amendment No. 5385, to prohibit certain activities relating to the use of computers.

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Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5386, to improve the treatment and security of certain persons found not guilty by reason of insanity in the District of Columbia.

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Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5387, to provide funding for the establishment of Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing projects and other distressed areas.

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National Information Infrastructure Protection Act: Senate passed S. 982, to protect the national information infrastructure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S10886–91

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5388, to improve the treatment and security of certain persons found guilty by reason of insanity in the District of Columbia.

Pages S10887–90

Stevens (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5389, to provide funding for the establishment of Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing projects and other distressed areas.

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Mother Teresa Honorary Citizenship: Senate agreed to H.J. Res. 191, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha

Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa, clearing the measure for the President.

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Ukraine Independence and Sovereignty: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 120, supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Waihee Marsh: Senate passed H.R. 1772, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex, clearing the bill for the President.

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Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge: Senate passed H.R. 2909, to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands, clearing the bill for the President.

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Carjacking Correction Act: Senate passed H.R. 3676, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition, clearing the bill for the President.

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Carjacking Correction Act: Senate passed S. 2006, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

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Carjacking Correction Act: Senate passed S. 2007, to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition.

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Electronic Freedom of Information Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 3802, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, clearing the bill for the President.

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National Transportation Safety Board Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 3159, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1831, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Stevens (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5390, relating to intermodal safe container transportation.

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Subsequently, S. 1831 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Transportation Appropriations, 1997—Conference Report: By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No.

294), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10777-94**

Sustainable Fisheries Act: Senate began consideration of S. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, and to provide for sustainable fisheries, agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S10794-S10827**

Adopted:

Snowe Amendment No. 5381, to limit lobstering other than by pots or traps if no regulations to implement a coastal fishery management plan for American lobster have been issued by December 31, 1997. **Pages S10823-24**

Stevens/Kerry Amendment No. 5382, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10825**

Pending:

Hutchison Amendment No. 5383, to make certain modifications to provisions with regard to regional fishery management councils. **Pages S10826-27**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill and the amendment proposed thereto, with votes to occur thereon, on Thursday, September 19, 1996.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S10835-36**

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Text of S. 1965, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996 as Previously Passed: **Pages S10738-39, S10878-82**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) **Pages S10759, S10794**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10898.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the Report of the Downing Assessment Task Force on the bomb attack on Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, and other issues related to United States policy in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; Gen. John M. Shaliskashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. Wayne A. Downing, USA (Ret.), Director, Downing Assessment Task Force.

FAIR HOUSING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure concluded oversight hearings on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing, and on S. 1132, to amend the Fair Housing Act to permit a restriction relating to the maximum number of unrelated persons in a dwelling if such restriction's purpose is to limit land use to single family dwellings, after receiving testimony from Deval J. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Mayor Barbara Fahey, Edmonds, Washington; Mayor Susan Golding, San Diego, California; Mayor Rita L. Mullins, Palatine, Illinois; Victor J. Wolski, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; Rick Disney, Douglas and Wuester, Fort Worth, Texas; Robert F. Hoyt, Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities; and Joel McNair, Pathway Homes, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia.

ALASKA LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 1920, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to ensure that Federal agencies are fairly implementing the Act, after receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; Alaska State Senator John Torgerson, Kenai; Bill Horn, Birch, Horton, Bittner, and Cherot, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association and the Alaska Professional Sportfish Coalition; and Julie Kitka, Alaska Federation of Natives, Jack Hession, Sierra Club, and Allen Smith, The Wilderness Society, all of Anchorage, Alaska; and