

Wednesday, July 19, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHT

House passed Treasury-Postal Service appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10259–S10328

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1050 and 1051, and S. Res. 154. Page S10320

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–116) Page S10320

Bosnia/Herzegovina Self-Defense Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 21, to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10270–S10304

Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 1801, in the nature of a substitute.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas R. Bloom, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Jill L. Long, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Sidney R. Thomas, of Montana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Page S10328

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Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 9:01 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 20, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S10324–25.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported, with amendments, H.R. 1817, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

LIVESTOCK GRAZING ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 852, to modify the requirements applicable to the management of livestock grazing on public lands and to establish a grazing fee formula that will bring a fair return to the Federal Government.

WETLANDS REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety held oversight hearings on the implementation of Section 404 (to provide regulatory protection for wetlands) of S. 851, to reform the Section 404 wetlands permitting program under the Clean Water Act to focus Federal regulatory authority on functioning wetlands and to ensure that citizens can obtain permits within a reasonable period of time, receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski, Johnston, and Pressler; Representative Gilchrest; John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary

of the Army for Civil Works; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Margaret Ann Reigle, Fairness to Land Owners Committee, Cambridge, Maryland; Carl Loop, Florida Farm Bureau Federation, Gainesville, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Cattlemen's Association; Glen Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Eugene, Oregon; Derb S. Carter, Jr., Southern Environmental Law Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Donald F. McKenzie, Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D.C.; Dallas Harris and Charlie Hollis, both of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina; Flora Heckert, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Nan Robbins, Paris, Tennessee; Charles Jowaiszas, Waretown, New Jersey; John Pai White, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Jack McHugh, Ocean County, New Jersey; Joe L. Carter, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Bernard N. Goode, Burke, Virginia; and William Spencer, Clinton, North Carolina.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine Medicare payment policies, focusing on how doctors, hospitals and other providers are paid under Medicare, receiving testimony from Stuart H. Altman, Waltham, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and Gail R. Wilensky, Physician Payment Review Commission, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Frances D. Cook, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, and Thomas W. Simons, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CRIMINAL DEBT COLLECTION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to assess the quality of Federal criminal

debt collection procedures, focusing on the Administrative Office of the United States Courts' efforts to centralize criminal debt accounting and reporting within the National Fine Center, receiving testimony from Linda D. Koontz, Associate Director, Information Resources Management, General Government Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; Richard A. Ames, Assistant Director for Finance and Budget and Chief Financial Officer, Administrative Office of the United States Courts; Gerald M. Stern, Special Counsel for Financial Institution Fraud, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; M. Kenneth Bien, Andersen Consulting, Sacramento, California; Michael Insko, Margate Systems, Inc., St. Joseph, Missouri; and David Beatty, National Victim Center, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 856, to improve and to authorize funds for programs of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, the Museum Services Act, and the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act.

Also, committee began markup of S. 673, to establish a youth development grant program, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

WHITEWATER MATTERS

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving further testimony from Webster Hubbell, former Associate Attorney General.

Hearings continue tomorrow.