

Monday, July 31, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHT

House passed VA-HUD appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10911-S11042

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1094-1098. Page S10966

Measures Passed:

District of Columbia Transportation Projects: Senate passed H.R. 2017, to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, clearing the measure for the President. Page S11038

Energy and Water Appropriations, 1996: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1905, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. Pages S10918-22, S10926-29

Senate may resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, August 1, 1995.

Department of State Authorizations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 908, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S10929-59, S10961-66

Adopted:

Helms Modified Amendment No. 1914, to improve and modify the bill. Pages S10946-49

By 94 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 343), Helms Modified Amendment No. 2026 (to Amendment No. 2025), to cut \$10,000,000 in funds for the United Nations if the U.N. Secretary General does not help resolve the overdue debts owned U.S. citizens by diplomats and missions accredited to the United Nations. Pages S10939-46, S10961

Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 1977, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and

vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress. (By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 344), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S10949-59, S10962

Nickles/Kassebaum Amendment No. 2029 (to Amendment No. 1977), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and vote on comprehensive welfare reform before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 1977, listed above, was tabled.) Pages S10955-56, S10962

During earlier consideration of this amendment today, Senate had agreed to Amendment No. 2029. Pages S10955-56

Kerrey Amendment No. 2030 (to Amendment No. 1977), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should debate and vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 1977, listed above, was tabled.) Pages S10956-59, S10962

Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 2025, to withhold certain funds for international conferences if funds were expended for U.S. participation in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women while Harry Wu was being detained in China. Pages S10938-46

Helms Amendment No. 2031, to authorize reduced levels of appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997. Pages S10962-64

Kerry (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2032 (to Amendment No. 2025), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the arrest of Harry Wu by the Government of the People's Republic of China. Pages S10964-66

Hutchison Amendment No. 2033 (to Amendment No. 2025), to express the sense of the Congress that the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing, China, should promote a representative American perspective on issues of equality, peace and development. Pages S10964-66

During consideration of the bill today, the following also occurred:

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the motion will, if necessary, occur at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, August 1, 1995.

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Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Tuesday, August 1, 1995, with a vote on the first cloture motion to occur at 10 a.m.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Routine lists in the Marine Corps.

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Messages From the House: Page S10966

Measures Referred: Page S10966

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S10966

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S10966-71

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S10971-72

Amendments Submitted: Pages S10972-S11036

Authority for Committees: Page S11036

Additional Statements: Pages S11036-38

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total-344) Pages S10961, S10962

Recess: Senate convened at 12:30 p.m., and recessed at 8:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, August 1, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S11038.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MEDICARE FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine proposals to reduce fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicare program, including S. 1088, to provide for enhanced penalties for health care fraud, receiving testimony from Senator Cohen; June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, Department of Labor and Human Services; Sarah F. Jaggard, Director, Health Financing and Policy Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Charles L. Owens, Financial Crimes Section, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, Congressional Budget Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 2142-2147; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 89 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the City of Rolla, Missouri, amended (H. Rept. 104-215);

H.R. 1974, to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, amended (H. Rept. 104-216);

H.R. 2017, to authorize an increased Federal share of the costs of certain transportation projects in the District of Columbia for fiscal years 1995 and 1996, amended (H. Rept. 104-217, Part 1); and

H.R. 1675, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, amended (H. Rept. 104-218). Page H8062

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7993

Recess: House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at noon. Page H7995

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on International Relations, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Judiciary. Page H7996

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie: House passed H.R. 714, to establish the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois. Pages H7996-H8001

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended by the Emerson technical amendment. Page H8001