

Saturday, August 5, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11483-S11713

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 895, to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104-129) **Page S11606**

Measures Passed:

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1996: Senate passed H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, after agreeing to committee amendments, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S11483-S11556**

Adopted:

(1) By 52 yeas to 41 nays, 1 responding present, (Vote No. 369), committee amendment on page 76, lines 10-17, to strike language prohibiting coverage of abortion under Federal employees' health insurance policies. **Pages S11498-S11518**

(2) By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 370), Nickles Amendment No. 2153 (to committee amendment on page 2, line 14), to restrict coverage of abortion under Federal employees' health insurance policies except where the life of the mother would be endangered or the result of an act of rape or incest. **Pages S11519-27, S11529**

(3) Feingold/McCain Amendment No. 2228, to reduce the number of political employees appointed by the President by capping the number of political appointees at 2,000. **Pages S11529-31**

(4) D'Amato Amendment No. 2229, to prohibit the use of funds to take certain actions with respect to the exchange stabilization fund. **Pages S11531-33**

(5) Kempthorne Amendment No. 2230, to provide funding for the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. **Pages S11533-35**

(6) Thompson Amendment No. 2231, to provide that no increase in the rates of pay for Members of Congress shall be made in fiscal year 1996. **Pages S11535-36**

(7) Shelby/Kerrey Amendment No. 2232, to increase the limitation on funds the Secret Service can spend to secure non-governmental properties. **Pages S11536-37, S11552**

(8) Shelby (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2233, relating to mail delivery in Alaska. **Pages S11536-37, S11552**

(9) Shelby (for D'Amato/Moynihan) Amendment No. 2234, to transfer forfeited A-37 Dragonfly jets to the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, New York. **Pages S11536-37, S11552**

(10) Shelby (for Ford/McConnell) Amendment No. 2235, prohibiting implementation of an ATF ruling on citrus contents in alcohol. **Pages S11536-37, S11552**

(11) Shelby (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2236, to eliminate funding requiring an initiation of a program to use private law firms and debt collection agencies in collection activities of the Internal Revenue Service. **Pages S11536, S11538, S11552**

(12) Shelby (for Simpson/Craig) Amendment No. 2237, to prohibit certain exempt organizations from receiving Federal grants. **Pages S11536, S11538-39, S11552**

(13) Shelby/Kerrey Amendment No. 2238, allowing the Department of the Treasury to reimburse the District of Columbia for costs incurred as a result of the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue. **Pages S11536, S11539-40, S11552**

(14) Shelby (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2239, to limit access by minors to cigarettes through prohibiting the sale of tobacco products in vending machines in Federal buildings. **Pages S11536, S11540-41, S11552**

(15) Shelby (for Brown) Amendment No. 2240, to express the sense of the Senate that the General Services Administration should increase use of direct delivery supplies to agencies. **Pages S11536, S11541, S11552**

(16) Shelby/Kerrey Amendment No. 2241, to establish the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.

Pages S11536, S11541-43, S11552

(17) Shelby/Kerrey Amendment No. 2242, relating to a Secret Service protection matter.

Pages S11536, S11543, S11552

(18) Shelby (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2243, to require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to report to Congress on border station leasing arrangements.

Pages S11536, S11543-44, S11552

(19) Shelby (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2244, to reduce the energy costs of Federal facilities for which funds are made available under this Act.

Pages S11536, S11544, S11552

(20) Shelby (for Hatch/Biden) Modified Amendment No. 2245, to restore funding for the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Pages S11536, S11544-47, S11552

(21) Shelby (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 2246, to provide for the transfer of funds to States to carry out the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Pages S11536, S11547, S11552

(22) Shelby (for Brown) Amendment No. 2247, to limit the amount of leave that Senior Executive Service employees may accumulate to 60 days.

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(23) Shelby (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2248, to require the Administrator of General Services to transfer certain Federal property to the city of Hoboken, New Jersey. Pages S11536, S11547, S11552

(24) Shelby (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2249, to restore funding for the Administrative Conference of the United States. Pages S11536, S11547-52

(25) Shelby (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 2250, to provide that certain Federal employee service shall be considered law enforcement service for purposes of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code.

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(26) Shelby (for Brown) Amendment No. 2251, to require an investigation relating to the misuse of public funds at Denver International Airport.

Pages S11536, S11552

Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 371), Mikulski Amendment No. 2227 (to committee amendment on page 2, line 14), to allow coverage of abortion under the Federal employees' health insurance policies in cases where it is medically necessary. Pages S11527-29

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Shelby, Jeffords, Gregg, Hatfield, Kerrey, Mikulski, and Byrd.

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Court Reporter Fair Labor Amendments Act: Senate passed H.R. 1225, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from the compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S11709-10

Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996: Senate continued consideration of S. 1026, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S11556-74

Adopted:

(1) Thurmond (for Smith) Amendment No. 2252, to revise certain provisions relating to authority to lease property requiring environmental remediation.

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(2) Ford Amendment No. 2253, to require a cost-benefit analysis of various options for reorganization of the Army ROTC program and to delay reorganization pending submission of a report on the results of the analysis to Congress.

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(3) Thurmond (for Campbell) Amendment No. 2254, to require a report on the effect of the closure of Fitzsimons Army Medical Center on the capability of the Department of Defense to provide appropriate health care to veterans of the Persian Gulf War and their families suffering from illnesses associated with their service during that conflict.

Pages S11558-59

(4) Ford (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2255, to express the sense of the Senate on the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation.

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(5) Kempthorne (for Lott) Amendment No. 2256, to revise the authority relating to awards for service during the Vietnam era in order to authorize upgrades of awards.

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(6) Ford (for Nunn) Amendment No. 2257, to provide funding for the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Pages S11559-60

(7) Ford (for Nunn) Amendment No. 2258, to further clarify provisions relating to reserve components to be used for civil-military cooperative action, and to provide for an extension of the Pilot Outreach Program.

Pages S11560-61

(8) Kempthorne (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2259, to make the National Defense Sealift Fund available for expenses of the entire National Defense Reserve Fleet.

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(9) Kempthorne (for McCain/Glenn) Amendment No. 2260, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to the city of Forsyth, Montana land

which has served as a support complex and recreational facilities for the Radar Bomb Scoring Site.

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(10) Kempthorne (for McCain) Amendment No. 2261, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to the Northwest College Board of Trustees land located in Powell, Wyoming, which has served as the location of a support complex, recreational facilities, and housing facilities for the Radar Bomb Scoring Site.

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(11) Kempthorne (for Pressler) Amendment No. 2262, to express the sense of Congress regarding establishment of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps units in schools on Indian reservations.

Pages S11563-64

(12) Kempthorne (for Helms) Amendment No. 2263, to make certain that the committee on Foreign Relations receives certain reports from the Department of Defense.

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(13) Kempthorne (for Cohen) Amendment No. 2264, to strike out a waiver of congressional notification requirements for transfers of certain vessels to certain foreign countries.

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(14) Ford (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2265, to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress reports on arms export control and military assistance.

Pages S11564-65

(15) Kempthorne (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2266, to make clarifying amendments to provisions of law enacted in the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994.

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(16) Kempthorne (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2267, to strike out provisions that amend title 38, United States Code, relating to veterans' benefits.

Pages S11565-66

(17) Kempthorne (for Shelby/Heflin) Amendment No. 2268, to establish and maintain a Battlefield Integration Center for the integration of missile defense warfighting pillars.

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(18) Ford (for Heflin) Amendment No. 2269, to clarify the use of existing technologies under the requirements relating to national missile defense system architecture.

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(19) Ford (for Heflin/Shelby) Amendment No. 2270, to require the Director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization to establish a Ballistic Missile Defense Technology Center within the Space and Strategic Defense Command of the Army.

Pages S11566-67

(20) Kempthorne (for Helms) Amendment No. 2271, to revise section 1055 concerning military cooperation from a United States policy to a sense of Congress.

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(21) Kempthorne (for McCain/Feinstein) Amendment No. 2272, to revise and improve the base closure and realignment process.

Pages S11567-70

(22) Ford (for Kohl) Amendment No. 2273, to improve the provision relating to restoration advisory boards.

Pages S11570-71

(23) Nunn (for Glenn) Amendment No. 2274, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a report to Congress on existing funding mechanisms available to cover the costs associated with the Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Assistance activities.

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(24) Kempthorne (for Helms) Amendment No. 2275, to express the sense of the Senate on the Midway Islands.

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(25) Kempthorne (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2276, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to establish a crash attenuating seats acquisition program.

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(26) Kempthorne (for Smith) Amendment No. 2277, to provide for the naming of certain amphibious ships and to authorize funds for the procurement of these vessels.

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(27) Kempthorne (for Lott) Amendment No. 2278, to strike the limitation on contracting with the same contractor for construction of additional new sealift ships.

Pages S11572-73

(28) Nunn (for Glenn) Amendment No. 2279, to revise section 1003, relating to the Defense Modernization Account.

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Pending:

Brown Amendment No. 2125, to clarify restrictions on assistance to Pakistan.

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By unanimous-consent agreement, the cloture vote on the motion to close further debate on the bill, scheduled for Monday, August 7, 1995, was postponed to occur at a time to be determined.

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Family Self-Sufficiency Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S11575-S11602

Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

Pages S11602, S11640-S11708

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, August 7, 1995.

Alaska Power Administration Sale Act: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 395, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Administration, and to authorize the export of Alaska North Slope crude oil, agreed to the request of the House for a conference

thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Murkowski, Hatfield, Domenici, Johnston, and Ford.
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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Agreement between the United States and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-75)

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Additional Cosponsors: Page S11606

Amendments Submitted: Pages S11606-S11708

Additional Statements: Pages S11708-09

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—371) Pages S11518, S11527, S11529

Recess: Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and recessed at 5:46 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Monday, August 7, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S11710-11.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, September 6.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of August 7 through 12, 1995

For the Congressional Program Ahead, see the DAILY DIGEST of Friday, August 4, 1995, pages D994-995.