

Tuesday, September 5, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See *Résumé of Congressional Activity*.
Senate passed Department of Defense Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12527–S12647

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Reported on Wednesday, August 30, during the adjournment:

S. 856, to amend the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, the Museum Services Act, and the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act to improve and extend the Acts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–135)

S. 619, to phase out the use of mercury in batteries and provide for the efficient and cost-effective collection and recycling or proper disposal of used nickel cadmium batteries, small sealed lead-acid batteries, and certain other batteries, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–136) Page S12614

Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Appropriations, 1996: By 62 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 397), Senate passed S. 1087, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, as amended. Page S12567

Expo '98: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should participate in Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal. Page S12633

Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996: Senate resumed 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:

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Adopted:

(1) Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 2427, to extend assistance payments under the Atomic Energy Community Act to Los Alamos County and the Los Alamos School Board until June 30, 1997. Page S12528

(2) Bingaman Amendment No. 2157, to require the Secretary of Defense to take such actions as are necessary to reduce the cost of renovation of the Pentagon Reservation to not more than \$1,118,000,000. Pages S12528–29, S12550–51

(3) Brown Modified Amendment No. 2428, to urge the Secretary of the Army to move expeditiously to lease the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado, recommended for closure under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act. Pages S12529–30, S12547–48

(4) Exon/Bingaman Amendment No. 2429, to establish that nothing in this Act shall be construed as an authorization to conduct hydronuclear tests. Pages S12533–34, S12546–47

(5) Exon (for Harkin) Amendment No. 2430, to increase the amount provided for the Civil Air Patrol by \$5,000,000. Pages S12534–35

(6) Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2431, to increase the authorization of appropriations for operation and maintenance for the Air Force Reserve by \$10,000,000, and to offset that increase by reducing the authorization of appropriations for operation and maintenance for Defense-wide activities by \$10,000,000. Page S12535

(7) Exon (for Glenn) Amendment No. 2432, to provide \$9,500,000 for the seismic monitoring to detect nuclear explosions. Pages S12535–36

(8) Warner (for Helms) Amendment No. 2433, to make a technical correction. Page S12536

(9) Exon (for Simon) Amendment No. 2434, to state a rule of construction to clarify the supremacy of the Secretary of State's authority to coordinate

policy on international military education and training.

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(10) Warner (for Smith) Amendment No. 2435, to provide \$5,000,000 for continued development of the depressed altitude guided gun round (DAGGR) system.

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(11) Exon (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2436, to require the Army to provide a report to the Congress on plans to provide T700-701C engine upgrades for Army AH-64D helicopters.

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(12) Warner (for Dole/Thurmond) Amendment No. 2437, to clarify that the \$54,968,000 authorized to be appropriated for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS) is for procurement of eight JPATS aircraft.

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(13) Exon (for Heflin/Shelby) Amendment No. 2438, to provide \$15,000,000 for procurement of direct support electronic system test sets (DSESTS) test program sets for the M1 Abrams series tanks and the Bradley infantry fighting vehicle.

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(14) Warner (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2439, to amend the effective date for the authority to pay transitional compensation for dependents of members of the Armed Forces separated for dependent abuse.

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(15) Exon (for Robb) Amendment No. 2440, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the feasibility of using private sources for performance of certain functions currently performed by military aircraft.

Pages S12539, S12554-55

(16) Warner (for Brown) Amendment No. 2441, to require the Department of Defense to conduct a study to assess the risks associated with transportation of the unitary stockpile within the continental United States and of the assistance available to communities in the vicinity of chemical weapons stockpile installations that are affected by base closures and realignments.

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(17) Exon (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 2442, to provide for the disposal of property and facilities at Fort Holabird, Maryland, as a result of the closure of the installation under the 1995 round of the base closure process.

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(18) Warner Amendment No. 2443, to designate the NAUTICUS building in Norfolk, Virginia, as the "National Maritime Center".

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(19) Exon (for Boxer) Amendment No. 2444, to require a report on the disposal of certain property at the former Fort Ord Military Complex, California.

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(20) Warner (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2445, to continue until May 1, 1996, the application of certain laws with respect to the ocean transportation of commercial items by the federal government.

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(21) Exon (for Robb) Amendment No. 2446, to require that the fiscal year 1997 report on budget submissions regarding reserve components include a listing of specific amounts for specific purposes on the basis of an assumption of funding of the reserve components in the same total amount as the funding provide for fiscal year 1996.

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(22) Exon (for Pryor/Feinstein/Boxer) Amendment No. 2447, to provide the military services greater flexibility to negotiate longer interim leases for the reuse of property at a closing of a military installation.

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(23) Warner (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2448, to direct the Department of Defense to devise a plan for disposing of executive aircraft and VIP helicopters operated by the Department of Defense (Operation Support Aircraft—OSA), and to prescribe regulations to require the use of commercial airlines for routine official travel.

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(24) Warner (for Domenici/Inouye) Amendment No. 2449, to transfer funds for procurement of communications equipment for Army echelons above corps.

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(25) Exon (for Simon) Amendment No. 2450, to authorize the conveyance of certain parcels of real property at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

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(26) Levin Modified Amendment No. 2451, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should promptly consider giving its advice and consent to ratification of the START II Treaty and the Chemical Weapons Convention.

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(27) Levin Amendment No. 2216, to require reports to Congress on the results of residual value negotiations between the United States and Germany.

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(28) Nunn (for Pryor) Amendment No. 2452, relating to the testing of theater missile defense interceptors.

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(29) Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2453, of a technical nature.

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(30) Nunn (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2454, to make funds available for the Allegany Ballistics Laboratory for essential safety functions.

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(31) Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2455, to revise for fiscal and technical purposes the provisions relating to military construction projects authorizations.

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(32) Nunn (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2456, to authorize a land conveyance at the Naval Communication Station, Stockton, California.

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(33) Nunn (for Harkin/Boxer) Amendment No. 2457, to establish a restriction on reimbursement of certain costs.

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(34) Nunn (for Johnston) Amendment No. 2458, to improve the management of environmental restoration and waste management activities authorized under this Act. **Pages S12601-02**

(35) Nunn (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 2459, to authorize the conveyance of the William Langer Jewel Bearing Plant to the Job Development Authority of Rolla, North Dakota. **Pages S12603-04**

(36) Nunn Amendment No. 2460, to authorize a land conveyance to Gainesville, Georgia. **Page S12604**

Withdrawn:

Brown Amendment No. 2125, to clarify restrictions on assistance to Pakistan. **Pages S12527-28, S12532**

Pending:

Nunn Amendment No. 2425, to establish a missile defense policy. **Pages S12579-97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, the pending amendment, and further amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon. **Page S12579**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Extradition Treaty with the Philippines (Treaty Doc. No. 104-16).

Convention for Protection of Plants (Treaty Doc. No. 104-17); and

Treaty with Philippines on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 104-18).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Pages S12632-33**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patricia J. Beneke, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Gail Clements McDonald, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring March 20, 1998.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Navy. **Pages S12634-47**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Leland M. Shurin, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri, which was sent to the Senate on April 4, 1995.

John D. Snodgrass, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, which was sent to the Senate on January 11, 1995. **Page S12647**

Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—397) **Page S12567**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 8:19 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S12633-34.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet next at noon on Wednesday, September 6.

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No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1005)

H.R. 2161, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until October 1, 1995. Signed August 14, 1995. (P.L. 104-22)