

Wednesday, September 6, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996.

House passed Legislative Branch Appropriations conference report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12649–S12751

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1201–1218. **Pages S12715–16**

Measures Passed:

Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996: The Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1530, 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 and, by 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 399), the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1026, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Warner Amendment No. 2461, to state the sense of the Senate on negotiations between the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy, and the Governor of the State of Idaho regarding the shipment of spent nuclear fuel from naval reactors.

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(2) Nunn (for Levin) Amendment No. 2462, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to use leasing in the acquisition of commercial vehicles when such leasing is practicable and efficient.

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(3) Warner (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2463, to place a limitation on the use of funds for cooperative threat reduction for dismantlement and destruction of chemical weapons.

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(4) Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 2464, to make technical corrections.

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(5) By 85 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 398), Nunn Amendment No. 2425, to establish a missile defense policy.

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

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Subsequently, S. 1026 was indefinitely postponed.

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Department of Defense Authorizations, 1996: Senate passed S. 1124, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division A of S. 1026, as amended.

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Military Construction Authorizations, 1996: Senate passed S. 1125, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military construction, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division B of S. 1026, as amended.

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Energy National Security: Senate passed S. 1126, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof Division C of S. 1026, as amended.

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Family Self-Sufficiency Act: Senate resumed 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:

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Pending:

(1) Dole Modified Amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

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(2) Daschle Modified Amendment No. 2282 (to Amendment No. 2280), in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 7, 1995, with a vote on the pending Daschle Amendment No. 2282 to occur at 4 p.m.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Investment Treaty with Albania (Treaty Doc. No. 104-19).

Treaty with Hungary on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 104-20); and

Treaty with Austria on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 104-21).

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.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the activities of the U.S. Government in the United Nations during calendar year 1994; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-77).

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Transmitting the report on Federal Advisory Committees for fiscal year 1994; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-78).

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Messages From the President: Pages S12715-16

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Additional Statements: Pages S12745-50

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—399) Pages S12668, S12675

Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 7, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S12750.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RUBY RIDGE INCIDENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began hearings to examine certain Federal law enforcement actions with regard to the 1992 incident at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, receiving testimony from Randall and Sara Weaver, both of Grand Junction, Iowa.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2259-2273; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 99-100, and H. Res. 213-214 were introduced. Pages H8596-97

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1815, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 1996, amended (H. Rept. 104-237, Part I, filed on August 4, 1995);

H.R. 1594, to place restrictions on the promotion by the Department of Labor and other Federal agencies and instrumentalities of economically targeted investments in connection with employee benefit plans, amended (H. Rept. 104-238, filed on September 1, 1995); and

H.R. 2150, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reduce the cost to the Federal Government of guaranteeing certain loans and debentures, amended (H. Report 104-239). Page H8596

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8539

Recess: House recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. Page H8555

Legislative Branch Appropriations: By a recorded vote of 305 ayes to 101 noes, Roll No. 638, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. Pages H8572-78

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the Committee on conference with instructions that the conferees not meet until subsequently instructed to do so by the House pursuant to clause 1(C) of rule XXVIII (rejected by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 637).

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H. Res. 206, the rule which waived certain points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 636.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal advisory committees: Message wherein he transmits the second Annual Report on Federal Advisory Committees covering fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; and

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United States activities in the United Nations: Message wherein he transmits a report of the activities of the United States Government in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies during the calendar year 1994—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Referrals: Three Senate passed measures referred to the appropriate House committees.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8539-40.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to rule appear on page H8598.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8571-72, H8577-78, and H8578. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DISMANTLING ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1756, Department of Commerce Dismantling Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Chrysler; Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce; Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GSA; and public witnesses.

REORGANIZE TRADE-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on proposals to reorganize the Trade-Related Functions of the U.S. Government. Testimony was heard from Representatives Manzullo, Mica and Chrysler; Alan Mendelowitz, Managing Director, International Trade, Finance and Competitiveness, GAO; former Representative Donald Bonker, State of Washington; William Brock, former U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Labor; and Clayton Yeutter, former U.S. Trade Representatives and Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine childhood immunization, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 10 a.m., S-128, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on the situation in Tibet, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 929, to abolish the Department of Commerce, and S. 177, to repeal the Ramspeck Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings to examine affirmative action programs and policies, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information, to continue hearings on matters relating to the incident in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on the nomination of Harris Wofford, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1714 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, hearing and markup of the following: H.R. 2203, to reauthorize the tied aid credit program of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and to allow the Export-Import Bank to conduct a demonstration project; and H.R. 2204, Defense Production Act Amendments of 1995, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, hearing on Federal Management of the Radio Spectrum, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Recent Developments in Burma, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up the Reauthorization of Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing regarding lobbying disclosure reform proposals, 10 a.m. 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up legislation to prevent the U.S. Sentencing Commission's proposed amendments to the sentencing guidelines regarding penalties for crack cocaine and money laundering from taking effect, 9:30 a.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the New Attack Submarine, 10 a.m. 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1188, National Coal Heritage Area Act of 1995; H.R. 1447, to revise the boundaries of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island; H.R. 1542, to amend the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 to modify the boundaries of the corridor; H.R. 1553, South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Act of 1995; H.R. 1961, to designate the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area; H.R.

1999, to establish the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia; H.R. 2057, Cache La Poudre River National Water Heritage Area Act; H.R. 2172, Vancouver National Historic Reserve Act of 1995; H.R. 2186, to establish the Ohio and Erie Canal Corridor National Heritage Corridor in the State of Ohio; and H.R. 2188, to establish in the Department of the Interior the Essex National Heritage Area Commission, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 1594, Economically Targeted Investments; and H.R. 1655, Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 1996, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing on Restructuring the Federal Scientific Establishment: Future Missions and Governance for the Department of Energy National Laboratories, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities, joint oversight hearing on the Export Working Capital Program, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to continue to take testimony regarding the ethics investigation of Speaker Gingrich, 3 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, to mark up the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing, to mark up a comprehensive measure including provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, VA Home Loan Programs, and the Department of Labor's VETS program, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, to mark up H.R. 2219, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of one Senator for a speech and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4, Work Opportunity Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 7

House Chamber

Program for Thursday and the balance of the week: Motions to go to conference on S. 4, Legislative Line Item Veto Act;

Complete consideration of H.R. 2126, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996;

Consideration of H.J. Res. 102, Defense Base Closure Approval;

Motions to go to conference on the following three bills:

1. H.R. 1905, Energy and Water Appropriations Act of fiscal year 1996;

2. H.R. 1817, Military Construction Appropriations for fiscal year 1996; and

3. H.R. 1977, Department of Interior Appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

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