

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHT

House passed Federal acquisition reform bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13555–S13626

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1240–1243.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996”. (S. Rept. No. 104–141)

H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–142)

H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–143)

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Family Self-Sufficiency Act: Senate continued 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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Adopted:

(1) Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2584 (to Amendment No. 2280), to exempt women and children who have been battered or subject to extreme cruelty from certain requirements of the bill.

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(2) Dorgan Amendment No. 2535 (to Amendment No. 2280), to express the sense of the Senate on legislative accountability for the unfunded mandates imposed by welfare reform legislation.

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(3) McCain Amendment No. 2589 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for child support en-

forcement agreements between the States and Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

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(4) Nickles Modified Amendment No. 2556 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for the transmission of quarterly wage reports in order to relay information to the State Directory of New Hires to assist in locating absent parents.

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(5) By 94 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 424), Exon Modified Amendment No. 2525 (to Amendment No. 2280), to prohibit the payment of certain Federal benefits to any person not lawfully present within the United States.

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(6) Feinstein Amendment No. 2470 (to Amendment No. 2280), to impose a child support obligation on paternal grandparents in cases in which both parents are minors.

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(7) Kerry Amendment No. 2662 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide demonstration projects for using neighborhood schools as centers for beneficial activities for children and their parents in order to break the welfare cycle.

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(8) Kerry Amendment No. 2664 (to Amendment No. 2280), to require applicants for assistance who are parents to enter into a Parental Responsibility Contract and perform satisfactorily under its terms as a condition of receipt of that assistance.

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(9) Feinstein Modified Amendment No. 2479 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for State and county demonstration programs.

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(10) Levin Modified Amendment No. 2486 (to Amendment No. 2280), to require recipients of assistance under a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to participate in State mandated community service activities if

they are not engaged in work after 6 months of receiving benefits.

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(11) D'Amato Amendment No. 2578 (to Amendment No. 2280), relating to claims arising before effective date.

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(12) Feingold Amendment No. 2481 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for a demonstration project for the elimination of take-one-take-all requirement.

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(13) Kerrey Amendment No. 2670 (to Amendment No. 2280), to allow a State to revoke an election to participate in the optional State food assistance block grant.

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(14) McCain Modified Amendment No. 2542 (to Amendment No. 2280), to remove the maximum length of participation in the work supplementation or support program.

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(15) Kohl Modified Amendment No. 2551 (to Amendment No. 2280), to expand the food stamp employment and training program.

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(16) Faircloth Modified Amendment No. 2601 (to Amendment No. 2280), to integrate the temporary assistance to needy families with food stamp work rules.

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(17) Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 2507 (to Amendment No. 2280), to exclude energy assistance payments for one-time costs of weatherization or repair or replacement of unsafe or inoperative heating devices from income under the food stamp program.

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(18) Pryor Modified Amendment No. 2495 (to Amendment No. 2280), to modify the penalty provisions.

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(19) Gramm Amendment No. 2614 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for increased penalties for failure to meet work requirements.

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(20) By 93 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 425), Shelby Amendment No. 2526 (to Amendment No. 2280), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for adoption expenses and to exclude from gross income employee and military adoption assistance benefits and withdrawals from IRAs for certain adoption expenses.

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(21) Conrad Modified Amendment No. 2528 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide that a State that provides assistance to unmarried teenage parents

under the State program require such parents as a condition of receiving such assistance to live in an adult-supervised setting and attend high school or other equivalent training program.

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(22) Bradley Amendment No. 2496 (to Amendment No. 2280), to modify the provisions regarding the State plan requirements.

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(23) DeWine Modified Amendment No. 2517 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for quarterly reporting by banks with respect to common trust funds.

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Rejected:

(1) By 17 yeas to 83 nays (Vote No. 422), Faircloth Amendment No. 2609 (to Amendment No. 2280), to prohibit teenage parents from living in the home of an adult relative or guardian who has a history of receiving assistance.

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(2) By 37 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 423), Jeffords Amendment No. 2581 (to Amendment No. 2280), to strike the increase to the grant to reward States that reduce out-of-wedlock births.

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(3) By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 426) Mikulski Amendment No. 2669 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for the development of a program that encourages participation of both parents in the parenting of children and encourages two-parent families.

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(4) By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 427), Feinstein Amendment No. 2478 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide equal treatment for naturalized and native-born citizens.

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(5) By 20 yeas to 78 nays (Vote No. 428), Feinstein Amendment No. 2513 (to Amendment No. 2280), to limit deeming of income to cash and cash-like programs, and to retain SSI eligibility and exempt deeming of income requirements for victims of domestic violence.

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Pending:

Dole Modified Amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

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Subsequently, the amendment was further modified.

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Daschle Amendment No. 2672 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for the establishment of a Contingency Fund for State Welfare Programs.

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Faircloth Amendment No. 2608 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide for an abstinence education program.

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Simon Amendment No. 2509 (to Amendment No. 2280), to eliminate retroactive deeming requirements for those legal immigrants already in the United States.

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Simon Amendment No. 2681 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide grants for the establishment of community works progress programs.

Simon Amendment No. 2468 (to Amendment No. 2280), to provide grants for the establishment of community works progress programs.

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Graham Amendment No. 2568 (to Amendment No. 2280), to set national work participation rate goals and to provide that the Secretary shall adjust the goals for individual States based on the amount of Federal funding the State receives for minor children in families in the State that have incomes below the poverty line.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, certain amendments pending thereto, and certain further amendments to be proposed, on Friday, September 15, 1995.

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—428)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 10:58 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, September 15, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S13626.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE/D.C./FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments;

H.R. _____, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and

H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with amendments.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Annice M. Wagner, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Eugene N. Hamilton, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; Wilma R. Harvey, President, District of Columbia Board of Education; and Franklin L. Smith, Superintendent, District of Columbia Public Schools.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to privatize the public broadcasting system, after receiving testimony from Frederick M.R. Smith, CS First Boston, New York, New York; George L. Miles, Jr., WQED Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Delano E. Lewis, National Public Radio, and Kenneth Robinson, both of Washington, D.C.; Burnhill Clark, KCTS Television, Seattle, Washington; and Newton N. Minow, Carnegie Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.