

Thursday, October 12, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Agriculture Appropriations, 1996 Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S15069–S15142

Measures Introduced: Five bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1314–1318, and S. Res. 181–184. **Pages S15118–19**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1028, to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–156)

S. 1318, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak. (S. Rept. No. 104–157) **Page S15118**

Measures Passed:

Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, relating to the appointment of Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S15141**

Deputy Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, relating to the appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S15141**

Majority Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 104th Congress. **Page S15141**

Majority Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 184, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 104th Congress. **Page S15141**

Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, and to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Dole Amendment No. 2898, in the nature of a substitute.

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Ashcroft Amendment No. 2915 (to Amendment No. 2898), to express the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms. **Pages S15085–87, S15089–91**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 2916 (to Amendment No. 2915), to express the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms. **Pages S15086–87**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 488), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on Amendment No. 2898, listed above.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on a second motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 2898, listed above, to occur on Tuesday, October 17, 1995. **Page S15092**

Agriculture Appropriations, 1996—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S15097–S15100**

Change of Conferees: By unanimous-consent, the following changes were made to majority appropriations conferees, as indicated:

H.R. 1868, Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1996: Senator Bennett in lieu of Senator Gramm;

H.R. 2002, Transportation Appropriations, 1996: Senator Shelby in lieu of Senator Gramm;

H.R. 2020, Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1996: Senator Campbell in lieu of Senator Gregg; and

H.R. 2099, VA/HUD, 1996: Senator Campbell in lieu of Senator Gramm. **Page S15141**

Appointments:

Senate Legal Counsel: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appointed Thomas B. Griffith as Senate Legal Counsel, effective as of October 24, 1995, for a term of service to expire at the end of the 105th Congress. **Page S15114**

Deputy Senate Legal Counsel: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appointed Morgan J. Frankel as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel, effective as of October 24, 1995, for a term of service to expire at the end of the 105th Congress. **Page S15114**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Received on Wednesday, October 11, 1995:

P. Michael Duffy, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Jed S. Rakoff, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

William P. Foster, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000.

Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard. **Pages S15065-67**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—488) **Pages S15113-14**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:12 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, October 13, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S15141-42.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Finance concluded hearings to examine the Third Annual Report of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, focusing on the National Export Strategy and the future of American competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce, Kenneth D. Brody, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Philip Lader, Administrator, Small Business Administration, all on behalf of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee.

AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation resumed hearings on S. 1239, to reform the Federal Aviation Administration's personnel and procurement operations, and regulatory and rulemaking procedures, and to enable the FAA to convert to a primarily user-funded entity, receiving testimony from Carol Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, and Patricia Friend, Association of Flight Attendants, both of Washington, D.C.; Rex McClelland, Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; Robert L. Crandall, American Airlines, Inc., Ft. Worth, Texas; William Franke, America West Airlines, Phoenix, Arizona; Herbert D. Kelleher, Southwest Airlines Co., Dallas, Texas; and Frederick W. Smith, Federal Express Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jim Sasser, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, after the nominee, who was introduced by Vice President Gore, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CHINESE MILITARY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine the growth and role of the Chinese military, after receiving testimony from Arthur Waldron, U.S. Naval War College, Providence, Rhode Island; Gary White, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project of Nuclear Arms Control, Keith W. Eirinberg, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and John J.