

Thursday, November 2, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1996.
House passed D.C. appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S16557–S16635

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1378–1387, and S.J. Res. 42. **Page S16621**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1318, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, with an amendment. **Page S16621**

Measures Passed:

Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1996: Senate passed H.R. 2492, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S16571–72**

Middle East Peace Facilitation Act: Senate passed S. 1382, to extend the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act. **Page S16584**

D.C. Appropriations, 1996: Pursuant to the order of Friday, September 22, 1995, Senate passed H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1244, as passed by the Senate. **Pages S16595–S16617**

Further, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. **Page S16617**

Subsequently, S. 1244 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S16595**

David J. Wheeler Federal Building: Senate passed S. 1097, to designate the Federal building lo-

cated at 1550 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon, as the "David J. Wheeler Federal Building". **Page S16620**

Edible Oil Regulatory Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 436, to require the head of any Federal agency to differentiate between fats, oils, and greases of animal, marine, or vegetable origin, and other oils and greases, in issuing certain regulations, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S16617–20**

Dole (for Chafee) Amendment No. 3044, to make minor and technical changes. **Pages S16617–18**

Social Security Earnings Limit: Senate began consideration of S. 1372, to amend the Social Security Act to increase the earnings limit, taking action on an amendment proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S16574–89**

Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3043, to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate conferees on H.R. 2491, Budget Reconciliation, should not agree to reductions in Medicare beyond \$89 billion, and should reduce tax breaks for upper-income taxpayers and corporations. **Page S16581**

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

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 562), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of the pending bill. Subsequently, a point of order that the bill was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the bill, pursuant to section 312(b) of the Congressional Budget Act, was committed to the Committee on Finance. **Page S16589**

Back to Basics Education Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1883, to

strengthen parental, local, and State control of education in the United States by eliminating the Department of Education and redefining the Federal role in education, on Tuesday, November 7, 1995.

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Announcements by the Chair: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, United States Code, membership of the Joint Committee on Taxation, as follows: Senators Roth, Chafee, Hatch, Moynihan, and Baucus.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—562)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:44 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, November 3, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S16635.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL FOREST MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management resumed oversight hearings to review alternatives to federal forest management and ownership, receiving testimony from Kevin S. Carter, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, Salt Lake City; Richard Wilson, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento; James E. Brown, Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; Robert H. Nelson, University of Maryland, College Park, on behalf of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; Randall O'Toole, The Thoreau Institute, Oak Grove, Oregon; Richard Smith, Hancock Timber Resource Group, Boston, Massachusetts; Hope M. Babcock, Georgetown University Law Center, and Janet N. Abramovitz, Worldwatch Institute, both of

Washington, D.C.; Larry Layton, Navajo County, Arizona, and Merle Dinning, Boundary County, Idaho, both on behalf of the National Association of Counties; and John J. Howard, Union County, Oregon.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GSA CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine the General Services Administration's management practices of the Federal Courthouse Construction program and related GSA public building projects, after receiving testimony from Roger W. Johnson, Administrator, and Joel S. Gallay, Deputy Inspector General, both of the General Services Administration; L. Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and Robert E. Cowen, Chairman, Judicial Conference Space and Facilities Committee.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business measures:

S. 1318, to reform the statutes of and authorize funds for Amtrak, with an amendment; and

An original bill to establish a new Intercity Passenger Rail Trust Fund to finance capital improvements for Amtrak and other passenger rail carriers in States not served by Amtrak.

Also, committee appointed Senator Chafee to the Joint Committee on Taxation, and announced the following new subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth, Debt and Deficit Reduction: Senators D'Amato (Chairman), Simpson, Murkowski, Pryor, and Bradley.

Subcommittee on International Trade: Senators Grassley (Chairman), Roth, Hatch, Pressler, D'Amato, Murkowski, Gramm, Moynihan, Baucus, Bradley, Rockefeller, Breaux, Conrad, and Graham.

Subcommittee on Medicaid and Health Care for Low-Income Families: Senators Chafee (Chairman), Roth, Nickles, Graham, Rockefeller, and Moseley-Braun.

Subcommittee on Medicare, Long-Term Care and Health Insurance: Senators Dole (Chairman), Chafee, Grassley, Hatch, Simpson, Rockefeller, Baucus, Pryor, Conrad, Graham, and Moseley-Braun.

Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy: Senators Simpson (Chairman), Dole, Chafee, Nickles, Gramm, Breaux, Moynihan, Baucus, and Moseley-Braun.

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight: Senators Hatch (Chairman), Roth, Dole, Grassley, Pressler, D'Amato, Murkowski, Nickles, Gramm, Bradley, Moynihan, Pryor, Breaux, and Conrad.

GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 704, to authorize funds to establish the Gambling Impact Study Commission to study and report to the President and the Congress, all matters relating to the impact of gambling on States and possible alternative sources of revenue for them, receiving testimony from Senators Simon, Lugar, Reid, and Bryan; Representatives Wolf and Ensign; Robert Goodman, Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts; Tom Grey, National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, Birmingham, Alabama; Timothy P. Ryan, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; William R. Eadington, University of Nevada, Reno; and Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., American Gambling Association, and Richard G. Hill, National Indian Gaming Association, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain incidents of fraud and

abuse in the national health care system affecting Medicare and Medicaid programs, after receiving testimony from Sarah F. Jaggar, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; New York State Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco, Albany; Kristina Rowland Brambila, San Francisco, California; and Hardy Gold, San Diego, California.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on the handling of certain documents following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Margaret A. Williams, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff for the First Lady; and Susan P. Thomases, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, New York, New York.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2575–2584 were introduced. **Page H11767**

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 317 yeas to 88 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 560, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, November 1. **Pages H11687, H11691–92**

VA–HUD Appropriations: House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Lewis of California, Delay, Vucanovich, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Neumann, Livingston, Stokes, Mollohan, Chapman, Kaptur, and Obey. **Pages H11692–H11704**

Agreed to the Stokes motion to instruct House conferees to agree to the Senate amendment numbered 66, striking certain provisions limiting use of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 762). Earlier, agreed to the previous question on the motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 761. **Pages H11692–H11704**

D.C. Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 764, the House passed H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Pages H11704–35**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H11734**

Agreed to the Gunderson amendment that requires the Superintendent of D.C. public schools to develop a long-term school reform plan consistent with the control board financial plan; authorizes the establishment of independent public charter schools through five-year charters; authorizes \$21 million over five years for the expansion of the Federal Even Start program from two to twenty seats; authorizes \$2 million in fiscal year 1996 to establish a seven member panel to develop core-curriculum, student assessments, and teacher training models; authorizes funds to develop a per pupil education funding formula; authorizes \$2 million for the GSA to provide technical assistance in the repair and improvement of school facilities for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; au-

thorizes funds for the establishment of a residential school; requires the District to report to Congress on its progress by August 1, 1996; authorizes \$42 million to establish a non-profit corporation to provide "scholarships" to low income D.C. students; authorizes \$26 million to establish two private sector partnerships to develop a job training initiative, expand work force preparation initiatives, implement professional development programs for teachers and provide 12th grade students with career counseling; and authorizes the Mayor to condition welfare benefits on the attendance of parents at parent-teacher conferences subject to the approval of HHS (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 763). **Pages H11704–32**

Budget Reconciliation: The Speaker appointed the following Members as additional conferees in the conference on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996:

From the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of title XVI of the House bill, and subtitle B of title VII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hastert and Greenwood. **Page H11735**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of November 6. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Page H11735**

Official Objectors: It was announced that the following Members are the Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the Minority for the 104th Congress: Representatives Boucher, Mfume, and Delauro; and that the following Members are the Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the Majority: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Coble, and Goodlatte. **Page H11735**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7. **Page H11736**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of November 7. **Page H11736**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11692 and H11741.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11691–92, H11703–04, H11704, H11732, and H11734–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. HOUSING ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began markup of H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act of 1995.

Will continue November 8.

REFORM OF SUPERFUND ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials began markup of H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995.

Will continue November 8.

PROPOSED RULES AFFECTING ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Proposed Rules Affecting the Electricity Industry. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: Elizabeth A. Moler, Chairman; Donald F. Santa, Jr.; James J. Hoecker; William L. Massey and Vicky A. Baily, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held a hearing on the Older Americans Act. Testimony was heard from Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

HHS' MANAGEMENT OF THREATS TO NATION'S BLOOD SUPPLY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations continued oversight hearings on Protecting the Blood Supply from Infectious Agents: New Standards to meet New Threats. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Satcher, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Paul McCurdy, M.D., Director, Blood Resources Program, Division of Blood, Disease and Resources, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; and public witnesses.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Held a hearing on campaign finance reform. Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich and Representatives Gephardt, Inglis of South Carolina, Jacobs, Kanjorski, Portman,

Greenwood, Whitfield, Smith of Washington, Shays, Wamp, Smith of Michigan, Torkildsen, Kaptur, and Poshard.

Hearings continue November 16.

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 2564, Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

VIOLENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT GROUPS IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding the nature and threat of violent anti-government groups in America. Testimony was heard from Ted Almay, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

CLASSIFIED BRIEFING—DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES TO BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Met in executive session to receive a classified briefing on deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia. The Committee was briefed by Norman Schindler, Head, Balkans Task Force, CIA; Maj. Gen. P.M. Hughes, USA, Intelligence Director, Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES FORCES TO BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Warren Zimmerman, former Ambassador to Yugoslavia; the following former officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Charles Boyd, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command; and Lt. Gen. Marvin Couvaut, USA (Ret.), Chief of Staff, NATO Air Forces South; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2243, Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Reauthorization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Riggs; David Cottingham, Counselor to Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

RECLAMATION RECYCLING AND WATER CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1803, Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1995; and H.R. 2549, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into

contracts to assist the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, CA, to implement a basin management plan for the elimination of groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion. Testimony was heard from Stephen V. Magnussen, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

GIFT REFORM

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on H. Res. 250, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for gift reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Waldholtz, Shays, Barrett of Wisconsin, Burton of Indiana, Miller of California, Bryant of Texas, Brewster, Fazio of California, Klug, Castle, and DeLauro.

Hearings continue November 7.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Medical Technology Development and Commercialization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REFORM OF SUPERFUND ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Douglas Hall, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmos-

phere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; James C. Colman, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Massachusetts; Gary Spielman, Executive Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York; Michael A. Kahoe, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1286)

S. 227, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions. Signed November 1, 1995. (P.L. 104-39)

S. 268, to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections. Signed November 1, 1995. (P.L. 104-40)

S. 1111, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes. Signed November 1, 1995. (P.L. 104-41)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1995

Senate

No committee meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Friday, November 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 noon, Monday, November 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the recognition of five Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 1 p.m.), Senate could consider any legislative item cleared for action.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business is scheduled.

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