

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.