

Wednesday, November 29, 1995

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Safe Drinking Water Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S17699–S17829*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1433–1437, and S. Res. 196. **Pages S17775–76**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 1142, to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–178) **Page S17775**

#### Measures Passed:

*Safe Drinking Water Act:* By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 588), Senate passed S. 1316, to reauthorize and amend title XIV of the Public Health Service Act (commonly known as the "Safe Drinking Water Act"), after agreeing to committee amendments, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

**Pages S17700–32, S17734–58, S17760–62, S17764–74**

#### Adopted:

(1) Chafee Amendment No. 3068, to authorize listing of point-of-use treatment devices as best available technology, modify loan authorities for the State Revolving Fund program, and to clarify the definition of public water system. **Pages S17727–29**

(2) Chafee Amendment No. 3069, to require additional research prior to the promulgation of a standard for sulfate. **Pages S17729–30**

(3) Murkowski Amendment No. 3070, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the State of Alaska to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages. **Page S17731**

(4) Chafee Amendment No. 3071, to authorize additional criteria to alternatives to filtration. **Pages S17755–56**

(5) Chafee Amendment No. 3072, to authorize grants for wastewater treatment and drinking water supply to low-income communities with economic

hardship located along the United States-Mexico border. **Pages S17756–57**

(6) Kempthorne (for Thomas/Simpson) Amendment No. 3073, to provide that in nonprimacy States the Governor shall determine which State agency will have the authority to establish assistance priorities for financial assistance provided with amounts deposited into the State loan fund. **Page S17760**

(7) Kempthorne (for Bond) Amendment No. 3074, to provide an extension of drinking water regulations when necessary and justified. **Pages S17760–61**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified. **Page S17761**

(8) Kempthorne (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 3075, to require that the needs of Native villages in the State of Alaska for drinking water treatment facilities be surveyed and assessed as part of the State survey and assessment. **Page S17761**

(9) Chafee Amendment No. 3076, to strike section 28, assessing environmental priorities, costs, and benefits. **Page S17762**

(10) Chafee Amendment No. 3077, to establish a watershed protection demonstration program, and to provide assistance to the State of New York for demonstration projects for the protection and enhancement of the quality of source waters of the New York City water supply system. **Pages S17764–66**

(11) Chafee Amendment No. 3079, to provide that monitoring requirements imposed on a substantial number of public water systems be established by regulation. **Page S17771**

#### Rejected:

Boxer Amendment No. 3078, (by 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote 587), Senate tabled the amendment) to require certain communities water systems to issue a consumer confidence report on the level of contaminants in the drinking water. **Pages S17767–73**

*Death of Chaplain Halverson:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 196, relative to the death of the Reverend

Richard Halverson, late the Chaplain of the United States Senate. **Page S17825**

*Land Transfer:* Senate passed S. 1341, to provide for the transfer of certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the city of Scottsdale, Arizona, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S17825–28**

*Philanthropy Protection Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2519, to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S17828**

*Charitable Gift Annuity Antitrust Relief Act:* Senate passed H.R. 2525, to modify the operation of the antitrust laws, and of State laws similar to the antitrust laws, with respect to charitable gift annuities, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S17828**

**Securities Litigation Reform Act/Conference Report—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1058, to amend the Federal securities laws to curb certain abusive practices in private securities litigation, on Tuesday, December 5, 1995. **Page S17825**

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

Transmitting the report of the Agreement For Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy Between the U.S. and the European Atomic Energy Community; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–99). **Pages S17774–75**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S17774–75**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S17775**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S17775**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S17782–83**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S17783–86**

**Authority for Committees:** **Page S17786**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S17786–92**

**Text of H.R. 2539 as Previously Passed:** **Pages S17792–S17819**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—588) **Pages S17773–74**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Chaplain of the Senate Reverend Richard Halverson,

in accordance with S. Res. 196, adjourned at 7:30 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 30, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S17828–29.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### UNITED STATES-SINO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine certain issues relating to the United States-Sino Intellectual Property Rights Agreement, after receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Steven Metalitz, International Intellectual Property Alliance, Robert W. Holleyman, II, Business Software Alliance, Jason Berman, Recording Industry Association of America, and Jack J. Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, all of Washington, D.C.

### ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on S. 1224, to make permanent authorizations for and modify certain provisions of the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1989 to encourage Federal agencies to streamline dispute resolution processes through the use of alternative dispute resolution techniques, after receiving testimony from Steven Kelman, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Peter R. Steenland, Jr., Senior Counsel, Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice; John A. Wagner, Manager, ADR Services, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Nancy G. Miller, former Senior Attorney, Administrative Conference of the United States; and Philip J. Harter, on behalf of the American Bar Association, Marshall J. Breger, Heritage Foundation, former Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and Gray Castle, Center for Public Resources, all of Washington, D.C.

### SPORTS FRANCHISE RELOCATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings to examine antitrust and competition issues involved in relocation by professional sports franchises, focusing on the degree and appropriateness of competition among cities and other local governments to attract and retain sports teams, the impact of the antitrust laws on the ability of sports leagues