

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S569–S669

Farm Bill: Senate began consideration of S. 1541, to extend, reform, and improve agricultural commodity, trade, conservation, and other programs, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Craig (for Leahy/Lugar) Amendment No. 3184, in the nature of a substitute.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, February 1, 1996.

Pages S573–80

A motion was entered to close further debate on Amendment No. 3184, listed above and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will also occur on Thursday, February 1, 1996.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 5:13 p.m., until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 1, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S669.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the status of the current national tax code and certain recommendations to overhaul the national tax system, receiving testimony from Jack Kemp, Empower America, Washington, D.C., former Delaware Governor Pete du Pont, Wilmington, and California State Treasurer Matt Fong, Sacramento, all on behalf of the National Commission on Economic Growth and Tax Reform.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Bobby J. Nash, Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Personnel; and Davis Fitzhugh, on behalf of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, Darrell D. Dover, Dover & Dixon, and Richard T. Donovan and Thomas P. Thrash, both of the Rose Law Firm, all of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2908–2923; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 158, H. Con. Res. 137–140, and H. Res. 354 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 104-455);

H. Res. 351, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 104-456);

H. Res. 352, authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from February 2, 1996, through February 26, 1996 (H. Rept. 104-457);

Conference report on S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition (H. Rept. 104-458);

H. Res. 353, waiving points of order against the conference report on S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition (H. Rept. 104-459).

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Recess: House recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4:28 p.m. **Page H1051**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 350, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House nor a question of personal privilege of members of the House and was not in order. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Pryce motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair. **Pages H1057-62**

Suspension Failed—Flow Control Act: By a ye-and-nay vote of 150 yeas to 271 nays, Roll. No. 20, the House failed to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 349, providing for the consideration of S. 534, Municipal Solid Waste Flow Control Act of 1995. This measure was debated on Tuesday.

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Solid Waste Disposal Amendments: By a recorded vote of 402 ayes to 19 noes, Roll. No. 21, the House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2036, amended, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide needed flexibility. **Page H1063**

D.C. Appropriations: By a ye-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 23, the House agreed to the conference report on 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—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Page H1064**

Rejected the Dixon motion that sought to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions that the conferees amend the conference report by deleting certain provisions for scholarship funding under education reform and the text of authorizing scholarships for low-income students (rejected by a ye-and-nay vote of 180 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 22). **Page H1075**

H. Res. 351, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H1064-66**

Recess: House recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m. **Page H1078**

Recess: House recessed at 9:14 p.m. and reconvened at 10:02 p.m. **Page H1136**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H975.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1139.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1062-63, H1063, H1076, and H1076-77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Priorities for Reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon and Kleczka; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on "What Works in Public Schools". Testimony was heard from Frank Brogan, Commissioner of Education, State of Florida; William Randall, Commissioner of Education, State of Colorado; and public witnesses. VerDate 17-JAN-96 07:05 Feb 01, 1996 Jkt 029061 PO 0000

GLOBAL ORGANIZED CRIME

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Global Organized Crime. Testimony was heard from Jim E. Moody, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; David Kerry, Director, Crime and Narcotics Center, CIA; and public witnesses.

FBI MURDER INVESTIGATIONS IN HAITI

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing regarding the FBI murder investigation in Haiti. Testimony has heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Seth Waxman, Associate Deputy Attorney General; and William Perry, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI; the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Robert Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Ambassador James Dobbins, Special Coordinator, Haiti; and a public witness.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points or order against the conference report to accompany 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, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Dixon.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 652, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

RECESS AUTHORITY

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by voice vote, a resolution authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses, subject to the call of the chair, of not more than three days intervals, at a time (excluding Sundays), from calendar days Friday, February 2, 1996, through Monday, February 26, 1996.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 2747, Water Supply Infrastructure Assistance Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Michael C. Finnegan, Counsel, Governor, State of New York; Tommy Kilby, County Executive, Morgan County, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command, and Lt. Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on S. 46, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, and to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, and S. 1219 and S. 1389, bills to reform the financing of Federal elections, and S. 1528, to reform the financing of Senate campaigns, 9 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to examine certain matters relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E122 in today's record.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, oversight hearing on the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act and its Role in Increasingly Competitive Electricity Markets, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearings on Prospects for Peace with Justice in Bosnia, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1541, Farm Bill.

(Senate and House will hold a joint meeting at 11:45 a.m., to receive an address from His Excellency Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, February 1

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Joint meeting to receive His Excellency Jacques Chirac, President of France;

Consideration of the conference report on S. 652, Telecommunications Act; and

Consideration of H.R. —, to guarantee the timely payments of Social Security benefits in March, 1996.

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