

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Debt Limit Extension.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1611–S1661

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1596–1601. **Page S1649**

Measures Passed:

Debt Limit Extension: Senate passed H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1624–30**

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 24), Moynihan Amendment No. 3465, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1626–30**

Whitewater Investigation: Senate continued consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters. **Pages S1617–23, S1648**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 12, 1996. **Page S1648**

D.C. Appropriations Conference Report—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report of 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, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 12, 1996. **Page S1648**

Continuing Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further down-payment toward a balanced budget, on Monday, March 11, 1996. **Page S1661**

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

Transmitting the report on the national security strategy of the United States; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–128). **Page S1648**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–24) **Page S1630**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 11, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1660–61.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kenneth H. Bacon, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Franklin D. Kramer, of

the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, and Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

Also, committee met in closed session to consider pending military nominations, but made no announcements and recessed subject to call.

AIR BAG SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the performance of passenger air bags and other related safety issues, after receiving testimony from Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, Barry Felrice, Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards, William Boehly, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, Jim Headlund, Associate Administrator for Traffic Safety Programs, and Sam Dubbin, Chief Counsel, all of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Richard Klimisch and Vann Wilber, both of the American Automobile Manufacturing Association, Washington, D.C.; and Brian O'Neill, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and George Parker, Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, both of Arlington, Virginia.

NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 745, to require the National Park Service to eradicate brucellosis afflicting the bison in Yellowstone National Park, S. 796 and H.R. 238, bills to provide for the protection of wild horses within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri, and prohibit the removal of such horses, and S. 1451, to authorize an agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a State providing for the continued operation by State employees of national parks in the State during any period in which the National Park Service is unable to maintain the normal level of park operations, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Bond; John J. Reynolds, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Donald Luchsinger, Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Bob R. Hillman, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Boise; Douglas R. Kennedy, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Jim Smith, Eminence, Missouri, both on behalf of the Missouri Wild Horse League; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks and Conservation Association, D.J. Schubert, Meyer and Glitzenstein, on behalf of the Fund for Animals, both of Washington, D.C.; Clarence J.

Siroky, Montana Department of Livestock, Helena; Paul Nicoletti, University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville; Art Reese, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne; Del Hensel, National Bison Association, Denver, Colorado; and Mike Fox, InterTribal Bison Cooperative, Rapid City, South Dakota.

NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 393 and H.R. 924, bills to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from transferring any national forest system lands in the Angeles National Forest in California out of Federal ownership for use as a solid waste landfill, after receiving testimony from Representatives McKeon and Moorhead; Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Carl Boyer, Santa Clarita, California; Harry Grossman, Walt Disney Studios, Burbank, California; Frank Bernheisel, Gershman, Brickner and Bratton, Falls Church, Virginia; Kenneth Kazarian, BKK Corporation, Torrance, California; Jack R. Michael, Waste Management Programs, Modesto, California; Dean Hargos, Dames & Moore, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Harriet Burgess, American Land Conservancy, San Francisco, California.

LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 356, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, receiving testimony from Senators Simon and Bingham; Representatives Mink, Velázquez, and Underwood; Iliodor Philemonof, St. George Tanaq Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska; Kauanoë Kamana and Namaka Rawlins, both on behalf of the Punana Leo Project, Hilo, Hawaii; Leonard Chee, Navajo Nation Council, Window Rock, Arizona; Joanne Chase, National Congress of American Indians, and Karen K. Narasaki, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, both of Washington, D.C.; and Juan F. Perea, University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed markup of S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and reducing the use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to

reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, March 13.

NIH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Ruth Kirschstein, Deputy Director, Judith Vaitukaitis, Director, National Center for Research Resources, Donald Lindberg, Director, National Li-

brary of Medicine, Claude Lenfant, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Stephen I. Katz, Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, William Paul, Director, Office of AIDS Research, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Duane F. Alexander, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3041–3057; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 148–150, and H. Res. 374 and 377 were introduced. **Pages H1985–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2776, to establish the Federal Aviation Administration as an independent establishment in the executive branch, amended (H. Rept. 104–475, Part I);

H. Res. 375, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 (H. Rept. 104–476); and

H. Res. 376, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2703, to combat terrorism (H. Rept. 104–477); and

H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–469, Part II). **Pages H1958, H1984**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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Temporary Statutory Debt Increase: By a yeand-nay vote of 362 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 48, the House passed H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States.

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Agreed to the technical amendment made in order by the rule.

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H. Res. 371, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H1781–87

C-17 Aircraft: Objection was heard to a unanimous-consent request that it be in order, during the consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, to consider the Obey amendment relating to the C-17 aircraft submitted as though it were the amendment specified as number 4 in House Report 104–474, except that the time for debate be limited to 20 minutes. **Page H1808**

Omnibus Appropriations: By a yeand-nay vote of 209 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 55, the House passed H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

Pages H1808–H1958

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions