

Friday, March 15, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2143–S2211

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1619–1623. **Page S2192**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1467, to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system. (S. Rept. No. 104–242) **Page S2192**

Measures Passed:

Bi-State Development Agency: Senate passed H.J. Res. 78, to grant the consent of Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois, clearing the measure for the President.

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Continuing Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Coverdell Amendment No. 3532 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds for employment-related activities of the 1996 Paralympic Games.

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(2) Hatfield/Wyden Amendment No. 3536 (to Amendment No. 3466), to strike provisions relating to an Oregon requirement for welfare waivers.

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(3) Hatfield (for Bond/Harkin) Amendment No. 3537 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds for the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Waterway System Navigation Study.

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(4) Hatfield (for Specter) Amendment No. 3538 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide additional funds to the Adolescent Family Life program.

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(5) Hatfield (for Specter) Amendment No. 3539 (to Amendment No. 3466), to strike advertising and evaluation provisions regarding direct lending.

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(6) Hatfield (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 3540 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for a waiver of the enrollment composition rule under Medicaid for Chartered Health Plan of the District of Columbia.

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(7) Hatfield (for Cochran/Bumpers) Amendment No. 3541 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds for the Food Safety and Inspection Service for salaries and benefits of in-plant personnel.

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(8) Hatfield (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3542 (to Amendment No. 3466), to make a technical correction.

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(9) Hatfield (for Gregg/Kennedy/Hatch/Kassebaum) Amendment No. 3543 (to Amendment No. 3466), to authorize the export of new drugs.

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(10) Hatfield (for Gramm/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3544 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for welfare reform in the State of Texas.

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(11) Hatfield (for Gramm/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3545 (to Amendment No. 3466), to remove regulatory impediments to community development.

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(12) Hatfield (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3546 (to Amendment No. 3466), of a technical nature.

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(13) Hatfield Amendment No. 3547 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide that funds made available for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency shall only be for activities related to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

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Pending:

Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute.

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Lautenberg Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for programs necessary to maintain essential environmental protection.

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Hatch Amendment No. 3499 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds to the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department. **Page S2168**

Boxer/Murray Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3466), to permit the District of Columbia to use local funds for certain activities. **Page S2168**

Gorton Amendment No. 3496 (to Amendment No. 3466), to designate the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center", located in Walla Walla, Washington. **Pages S2168, S2171-72**

Simon Amendment No. 3510 (to Amendment No. 3466), to revise the authority relating to employment requirements for recipients of scholarships or fellowships from the National Security Education Trust Fund. **Page S2168**

Simon Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding to carry out title VI of the National Literary Act of 1991, title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act, and section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973. **Page S2168**

Coats Amendment No. 3513 (to Amendment No. 3466), to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions. **Page S2168**

Bond (for Pressler) Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for a Radar Satellite project at NASA. **Page S2168**

Bond Amendment No. 3515 (to Amendment No. 3466), to clarify rent setting requirements of law regarding housing assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act to limit rents charged moderate income families to that charged for comparable, non-assisted housing, and clarify permissible uses of rental income in such projects, in excess of operating costs and debt service. **Page S2168**

Bond Amendment No. 3516 (to Amendment No. 3466), to increase in amount available under the HUD Drug Elimination Grant Program for drug elimination activities in and around federally-assisted low-income housing developments by \$30 million, to be derived from carry-over HOPE program balances. **Page S2168**

Bond Amendment No. 3517 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a special fund dedicated to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development to meet crucial milestones in restructuring its administrative organization and more effectively address housing and community development needs of States and local units of government and to clarify and reaffirm provisions of current law with respect to the disbursement of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the State of New York. **Page S2168**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 3518 (to Amendment No. 3466), relating to labor-management relations. **Page S2168**

Santorum Amendment No. 3484 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2168**

Santorum Amendment No. 3485 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2168**

Santorum Amendment No. 3486 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster relief provided under this Act be funded through amounts previously made available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be reimbursed through regular annual appropriations Acts. **Page S2168**

Santorum Amendment No. 3487 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I discretionary spending by the appropriate percentage (.367%) to offset Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2168**

Santorum Amendment No. 3488 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I "Salary and Expense" and "Administrative Expense" accounts by the appropriate percentage (3.5%) to offset Federal disaster assistance. **Page S2168**

Gramm Amendment No. 3519 (to Amendment No. 3466), to make the availability of obligations and expenditures contingent upon the enactment of a subsequent act incorporating an agreement between the President and Congress relative to Federal expenditures. **Page S2168**

Wellstone Amendment No. 3520 (to Amendment No. 3466), to urge the President to release already-appropriated fiscal year 1996 emergency funding for home heating and other energy assistance, and to express the sense of the Senate on advance-appropriated funding for FY 1997. **Page S2168**

Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3521 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster funds made available to certain agencies be allocated in accordance with the established prioritization processes of the agencies. **Page S2168**

Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3522 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S2168**

Warner Amendment No. 3523 (to Amendment No. 3466), to prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing any rule or ordinance that would terminate taxicab service reciprocity agreements with the States of Virginia and Maryland. **Pages S2168-69**

Murkowski/Stevens Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reconcile seafood inspection requirements for agricultural commodity programs with those in use for general public consumers. **Page S2169**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3525 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for the approval of an exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument. **Page S2169**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 3526 (to Amendment No. 3466), to delay the exercise of authority to enter into multiyear procurement contracts for C-17 aircraft. **Page S2169**

Burns Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3466), to allow the refurbishment and continued operation of a small hydroelectric facility in central Montana by adjusting the amount of charges to be paid to the United States under the Federal Power Act. **Page S2169**

Burns Amendment No. 3529 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for Impact Aid school construction funding. **Page S2169**

Burns Amendment No. 3530 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a Commission on restructuring the circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals. **Page S2169**

Coats (for Dole/Lieberman) Amendment No. 3531 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for low-income scholarships in the District of Columbia. **Page S2169**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 3533 (to Amendment No. 3482), to increase appropriations for EPA water infrastructure financing, Superfund toxic waste site cleanups, operating programs, and to increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). **Page S2169**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Monday, March 18, 1995.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act: Senate concluded consideration of S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Bond/Bumpers Amendment No. 3534, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2160-68**

Nickles/Reid Amendment No. 3535 (to Amendment No. 3534), to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions. **Pages S2161-62**

By prior consent agreement, a vote on final passage of the bill will occur on Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

Product Liability Conference Report—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and by consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Tuesday, March 19, 1996. **Pages S2210-11**

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Motion Filed: A fourth motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to 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 and, by consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 19, 1995. **Page S2210**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Laurence H. Meyer, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1988.

Alice M. Rivlin, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 1996.

Alice M. Rivlin, of Pennsylvania, to be a Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years. **Page S2211**

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Measures Referred: **Pages S2191-92**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 5:13 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Monday,

March 18, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2211.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 and the future years defense programs, focusing on emerging battlefield concepts for the 21st century and the implications of these concepts for technology investment decisions, receiving testimony from Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, and Lt. Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commanding General Marine Expeditionary Force, both of the United States Marine Corps; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Ronald V. Hite, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant of the Army (Research, Development, and Acquisition); Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., USAF, Vice Chief of Staff for the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, Operations, Plans and Force Development; and George R. Schneider, Director, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, March 20.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation issues, receiving testimony from Brig. Gen. Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Marine Corps Staff for Aviation; Lt. Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Plans and Operations; Rear Adm. Dennis V. McGinn, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and Rear Adm. Craig E. Steidle, USN, Director, Advanced Strike Technology Program.

Subcommittee will meet again on Friday, March 22.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearing on S. 581, to repeal those provisions of Federal law that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment, after receiving testimony from Senator Faircloth; Representative Goodlatte; Reed Larson, National Right to Work Committee, Springfield, Virginia; Don Judge, Montana State AFL-CIO, Helena; and John Willson, Neosho, Missouri.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 18 through 23, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3019, Continuing Appropriations, 1996.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will conclude consideration of H.R. 3019, Continuing Appropriations, 1996, and amendments pending thereto, with votes to occur

beginning at 2:15 p.m., following which Senate will vote on final passage of S. 942, Small Business Regulatory Reform. Senate will also consider the conference report on H.R. 956, Product Liability, with a cloture vote scheduled to occur thereon, and resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Res. 227, Whitewater Investigation Extension, with a fourth cloture vote to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider S. 1459, Public/Federal Grasslands Management, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, for respective party conferences.)