

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Product Liability Conference Report.

Senate passed Public Rangelands Management Act.

House/Senate passed Further Continuing Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2553–S2735

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1632–1639. **Page S2646**

Measures Passed:

Public/Federal Grasslands Management: By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 50), Senate passed S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Domenici Modified Amendment No. 3555, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2591–S2621**

Rejected:

Bumpers Modified Amendment No. 3556 (to Amendment No. 3555), to maintain the current formula used to calculate grazing fees for small ranchers with 2000 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) or less, with certain minimum fees, and establish a separate grazing fee for large ranchers with more than 2000 AUMs. (By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 48), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2591–S2600**

Bingaman Amendment No. 3559 (to Amendment No. 3555), in the nature of a substitute. (By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 49), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S2600–21**

Withdrawn:

Pressler Amendment No. 3560 (to Amendment No. 3555), to preserve sporting activities on the National Grasslands. **Page S2621**

Further Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S2621**

Military Stability in the Taiwan Straits: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 51), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 148, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding missile tests and military exercises by the People's Republic of China, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2622–27**

Thomas Amendment No. 3562, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2622–25**

Product Liability Conference Report: By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 46), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation. **Pages S2553–91**

Whitewater Investigation Extension—Cloture Vote: By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the 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. **Page S2591**

Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Hatch, Thurmond, Simpson, Biden, and Kennedy. **Pages S2719–35**

Administration of Presidio Properties—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, on Monday, March 25, 1996. **Page S2735**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth C. Brill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Genta Hawkins Holmes, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, as Ambassador to Australia.

Thomas C. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Palau.

Day Olin Mount, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Glen Robert Rase, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Calvin D. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—51)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:22 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, March 25, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for Army and Navy military construction programs, receiving testimony from Robert M. Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Logistics and Environment; and Robert B. Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installation and Environment.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 16.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military strategies, operational requirements of the unified commands, receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ashy, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Space Command; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Strategic Command; Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, USAF, Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Commander in Chief, United States Special Operations Command.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, March 28.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of the Navy Shipbuilding programs, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 26.

GUARD AND RESERVE READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine the readiness of the Guard and Reserve to support the National Military Strategy, receiving testimony from Richard Davis, Director, and Robert Pelletier, Assistant Director, both of the National Security Analysis, General Accounting Office; and Deborah Lee, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

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Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Federal Housing Enterprises Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 and its impact on the role the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) have on the Nation's mortgage finance system, receiving testimony from Franklin D. Raines, Fannie Mae, and Leland C. Brendsel, Freddie Mac, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.