

Friday, July 19, 1996

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8329–S8393*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1975–1977. **Page S8373**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–323)

S. 1831, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board. (S. Rept. No. 104–324)

H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–325)

S. 969, to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for a mother and child following the birth of the child, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–326) **Page S8373**

### Measures Passed:

*Romania Most-Favored-Nation Treatment:* Senate passed H.R. 3161, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Romania, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8391–92**

**Budget reconciliation:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1956, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S8329–69**

#### Adopted:

Santorum (for Pressler) Amendment No. 4937, to change retention rates under the food stamp program. **Page S8362**

#### Rejected:

By 21 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 206), Faircloth Amendment No. 4911, to address multi-generational welfare dependency. **Page S8331**

Graham Amendment No. 4921, to strike the provisions restricting welfare and public benefits for

aliens. (By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8334–35**

#### Withdrawn:

Murray Amendment No. 4903, to restore funds for the summer food service program for children. **Pages S8330, S8357**

#### Pending:

Faircloth Amendment No. 4905, to prohibit recruitment activities in SSI outreach programs, demonstration projects, and other administrative activities. **Page S8329**

Harkin Amendment No. 4916, to strike section 1253, relating to child nutrition requirements. **Page S8329**

D'Amato Amendment No. 4927, to require welfare recipients to participate in gainful community service. **Pages S8336–37**

Exon (for Simon) Amendment No. 4928, to increase the number of adults and to extend the period of time in which educational training activities may be counted as work. **Pages S8337–38**

Feinstein/Boxer Amendment No. 4929, to provide that the ban on supplemental security income benefits apply to those aliens entering the country on or after the enactment of this bill. **Pages S8338–44**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4929, listed above. **Page S8344**

Chafee Amendment No. 4931, to maintain current eligibility standards for medicaid and provide additional State flexibility. **Pages S8344–50**

Roth Amendment No. 4932 (to Amendment No. 4931), to maintain the eligibility for medicaid for any individual who is receiving medicaid based on their receipt of AFDC, foster care or adoption assistance, and to provide transitional medicaid for families moving from welfare to work. **Pages S8347–49**

Chafee Amendment No. 4933 (to Amendment No. 4931), to maintain current eligibility standards for medicaid and provide additional State flexibility. **Pages S8349–50**

Conrad Amendment No. 4934, to eliminate the State food assistance block grant. **Pages S8350–57**

Santorum (for Gramm) Amendment No. 4935, to deny welfare benefits to individuals convicted of illegal drug possession, use or distribution. **Page S8357**

Graham Amendment No. 4936, to modify the formula for determining a State family assistance grant to include the number of children in poverty residing in a State. **Pages S8357-63**

Helms Amendment No. 4930, to strengthen food stamp work requirements. **Pages S8362-63**

Graham (for Simon) Amendment No. 4938, to preserve eligibility of immigrants for programs of student assistance under the Public Health Service Act. **Pages S8363-64**

Shelby Amendment No. 4939, to provide a refundable credit for adoption expenses and to exclude from gross income employee and military adoption assistance benefits and withdrawals from IRAs for certain adoption expenses. **Pages S8364-66**

A motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Amendment No. 4939, listed above. **Page S8366**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following actions:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 205), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Breaux Amendment No. 4910, to ensure needy children receive non-cash assistance to provide for basic needs until the Federal 5-year time limit applies. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act as being nongermane under sections 305 and 310 was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S8330-31**

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote 207), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Biden/Specter Amendment No. 4912, in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 310(d)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S8331-32**

By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 208), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Frist Modified Amendment No. 4914, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should ensure approval of State waiver requests. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(a) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S8332-33**

By 58 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 209), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Santorum (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 4917, to ensure that recipients or caretakers of minor recipients of means-tested benefits programs are held responsible for ensuring that their minor children are up to date on immunizations as a condition for receiving welfare benefits. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S8333-34**

By 46 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 210), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Wellstone/Simon Amendment No. 4918, to require a report to Congress on the impact of increased numbers of impoverished children and recommendations for legislation to correct the increase. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305(b)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Page S8334**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, July 22, 1996.

**Agriculture Appropriations, 1997—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, on Monday, July 22, 1996. **Page S8392**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey T. Miller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S8392-93**

**Communications:** **Pages S8372-73**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S8373-74**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S8374-75**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S8375-80**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S8380-84**

**Text of S. 919 as Previously Passed:** **Pages S8384-91**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total-211) **Pages S8331-35**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 4:51 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday,

July 22, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8392.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government approved for full committee consideration, with

amendments, H.R. 3756, making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVERSIGHT—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CASH STATUS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the District of Columbia cash status, operating deficit, and private financial market access. Testimony was heard from Anthony Williams, Chief, Financial Officer, District of Columbia; Andrew Brimmer, Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; Gregory Holloway, Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 22 through 26, 1996

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1956, Budget Reconciliation, and consider H.R. 3603, Agriculture Appropriations, 1997, with votes on pending amendments and the bills to occur thereon.

On *Wednesday*, Senate expects to consider H.R. 3540, Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1997;

On *Thursday*, Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on S. 1936, Nuclear Waste Policy.

Also, during the week, Senate may consider further appropriations bills; and any cleared executive and legislative business, and conference reports, when available.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, July 23, 1996 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.*)

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* July 24, business meeting, to mark up S. 1166, to enhance public confidence in the safety of the American food supply, and facilitate the development and adoption of safe, effective pest control technologies, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* July 23, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3756, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 24, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine the condition

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D720)

H.R. 2070, to provide for the distribution within the United States of the United States Information Agency film entitled "Fragile Ring of Life". Signed July 18, 1996. (P.L. 104-161)

H.R. 2853, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria. Signed July 18, 1996. (P.L. 104-162)