

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Budget Reconciliation.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8493–S8582

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1982 and 1983. **Page S8553**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–328)

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1997". (S. Rept. No. 104–329)

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, and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–330)

S. 88, to increase the overall economy and efficiency of Government operations and enable more efficient use of Federal funding, by enabling local governments and private, nonprofit organizations to use amounts available under certain Federal assistance programs in accordance with approved local flexibility plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–331) **Page S8553**

Measures Passed:

Budget Reconciliation: By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 232), Senate passed H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 1956, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S8493–S8532**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 214), D'Amato Amendment No. 4927, to require welfare recipients to participate in gainful community service. **Page S8495**

Exon (for Simon) Modified 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 S8495–96**

By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 216), Chafee Amendment No. 4931, to maintain current eligibility standards for Medicaid and provide additional State flexibility. **Pages S8496–97**

Chafee Amendment No. 4933 (to Amendment No. 4931), to maintain current eligibility standards for Medicaid and provide additional State flexibility. **Pages S8496–97**

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 218), Conrad Amendment No. 4934, to eliminate the State food assistance block grant. **Pages S8497–98**

Santorum (for Gramm) Amendment No. 4935, to deny welfare benefits to individuals convicted of illegal drug possession, use or distribution. (By 74 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 219), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to waive section 305(b) of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of the amendment.) **Pages S8498–99**

Graham (for Simon) Amendment No. 4938, to preserve eligibility of immigrants for programs of student assistance under the Public Health Service Act. **Page S8500**

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 IRA's for certain adoption expenses. (By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 221), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to waive sections 305 and 310 of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of the amendment.) **Pages S8500–01**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 4941, to set a time limit of 24 consecutive months for TANF assistance and allows States to sanction recipients if minors do not attend school. **Pages S8503-04**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 4943 (to Amendment No. 4941), to provide that a State may sanction a family's TANF assistance if the family includes an adult who fails to ensure that their minor dependent children attend school. **Page S8503**

Ashcroft Amendment No. 4944 (to Amendment No. 4941), to provide that a State may sanction a family's TANF assistance if the family includes an adult who does not have, or is not working toward attaining a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent. **Page S8503**

Ford (for Murray) Amendment No. 4950, to strike section 1206, relating to the summer food service program for children. **Page S8504**

Rejected:

Harkin Amendment No. 4916, to strike section 1253, relating to child nutrition requirements. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 213), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8494-95**

By 31 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 217), 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. **Page S8497**

Helms Amendment No. 4930, to strengthen food stamp work requirements. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 220), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S8499**

By 37 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 222), 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 S8501-02**

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 223), Ford Amendment No. 4940, to allow States the option to provide non-cash assistance to children after the 5-year time limit. **Page S8502**

By 50 yeas to 49 yeas (Vote No. 224), Senate tabled a motion to reconsider Vote No. 223 (listed above). **Page S8502**

By 37 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 225), Ashcroft Amendment No. 4942 (to Amendment No. 4941), to provide that a family may not receive TANF assistance for more than 24 consecutive months at a time unless an adult in the family is working or a State exempts an adult in the family from working for reasons of hardship. **Pages S8503-04**

Graham Amendment No. 4952, to strike additional penalties for consecutive failure to satisfy min-

imum participation rates. (By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 226), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8504-05**

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

A point of order was made that Section 2104, relating to services provided by charitable or private organizations was in violation of section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act and, by 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 230), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Section 2104, and the point of order thus fell. **Pages S8507-08**

Three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected motions to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of amendments proposed to the bill, as follows:

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 212), Faircloth Amendment No. 4905, to prohibit recruitment activities in SSI outreach programs, demonstration projects, and other administrative activities. (*section 305) **Page S8494**

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 215), 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. (*section 310(d)(2)) **Page S8496**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 227), Exon (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 4955, to permit assistance to be provided to needy or disabled legal immigrant children when sponsors cannot provide reimbursement. (*section 310(d)(2)) **Page S8505**

By 35 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 228), Exon (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 4956, to allow a 2-year implementation period under the Medicaid program for implementation of the attribution of sponsor's income and the 5-year ban. **Pages S8505-06**

* Subsequently, points of order that the amendments were in violation of certain sections of the Congressional Budget Act were sustained, and the amendments were ruled out of order. **Page S8509**

Also, three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate reject motions to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of certain sections of the bill, as follows:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 229), Section 408(a)(2), to prohibit additional cash assistance for children born to families presently receiving assistance. **Pages S8506-07**

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 231), Section 2909, relating to abstinence education.

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Subsequently, a point of order that the sections were in violation of section 313(b)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act were sustained, and the sections were ruled out of order.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: from the Committee on the Budget: Senators Domenici, Nickles, Gramm, Exon, and Hollings; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Senators Lugar, Helms, Cochran, Santorum, Leahy, Heflin, and Harkin; from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth, Chafee, Grassley, Hatch, Simpson, Moynihan, Bradley, Pryor, and Rockefeller; and from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Senators Kassebaum and Dodd.

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Agriculture Appropriations, 1997: Senate continued 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, taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8532–52

Adopted:

Cochran (for Thurmond/Hollings) Amendment No. 4988, to provide funding for the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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Cochran (for Frahm) Amendment No. 4989, to make necessary reforms to the rural multifamily loan program of the Rural Housing Service.

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Bumpers (for Leahy) Amendment No. 4990, to authorize funds for the National Aquaculture Act of 1980.

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Bumpers (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4991, to provide the Secretary of Agriculture authority through fiscal year 2000 for the use of voluntary separation incentives to assist in reducing employment levels.

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Bumpers (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 4992, to provide funds for risk management, with an offset.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 4993, to provide funds for agricultural research.

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Cochran (for Heflin) Amendment No. 4994, to authorize funds through fiscal year 2002 for the seasonal base plan of the Agriculture and Food Act (P.L. 97–98).

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Bumpers Amendment No. 4996, relating to cooperative assistance development funds.

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Bumpers (for Sarbanes/Mikulski) Amendment No. 4997, to restore funding for certain agricultural research programs.

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Cochran (for Hatch/Harkin) Amendment No. 4998, to require that certain funds be used to comply with certain provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to approval deadlines.

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Cochran (for Smith) Amendment No. 5000, to provide that the town of Berlin, New Hampshire, shall be eligible during fiscal year 1997 for a grant under the rural utilities assistance program.

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Cochran (for Craig) Amendment No. 5001, to require a review and report on the H–2A non-immigrant worker program.

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Rejected:

Gregg Amendment No. 4959, to prohibit the use of funds to make loans to large processors of sugarcane and sugar beets, who has an annual revenue that exceeds \$10 million, unless the loans require the processors to repay the full amount of the loans, plus interest. (By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 233), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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McCain Amendment No. 4968, to reduce funds for the Agricultural Research Service.

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Gregg Amendment No. 4969 (to Amendment No. 4959), to prohibit the use of funds to make loans to large processors of sugarcane and sugar beets, who has an annual revenue that exceeds \$15 million, unless the loans require the processors to repay the full amount of the loans, plus interest. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 4959, listed above, was tabled.)

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Withdrawn:

Cochran (for Smith) Amendment No. 4999, to provide that the town of Berlin, New Hampshire, shall be eligible during fiscal year 1997 for a grant under the rural utilities assistance program.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 4979, to provide funds for risk management.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 4980, to provide the Secretary of Agriculture temporary authority for the use of voluntary separation incentives to assist in reducing employment levels.

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Pending:

Bryan Amendment No. 4977, to establish funding limitations for the market access program.

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Kerrey Amendment No. 4978, to increase funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration and the Food Safety and Inspection Service.

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Leahy Amendment No. 4987, to implement the recommendations of the Northern Forest Lands Council.

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Santorum Amendment No. 4995, to prohibit the use of funds to provide a total amount of non-recourse loans to producers for peanuts in excess of \$125,000.

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Santorum Amendment No. 4967, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out a peanut program that is operated by a marketing association if the Secretary of Agriculture determines that a member of the Board of Directors of the association has a conflict of interest with respect to the program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of certain amendments to be proposed to the bill.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 24, 1996.

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

Transmitting the report of a notice concerning the continuation of the Iraqi emergency; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–164).

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Twenty-two record votes were taken today. (Total–233)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8582.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/DC

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

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, with amendments; and

H.R. 3845, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments.

DRUG TRAFFICKING IMPACT ON ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade held hearings in conjunction with the Caucus on International Narcotics Control to examine how drug trafficking and money laundering may pose threats to United States trade and financial systems, and efforts to combat international drug trafficking and money laundering, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence Summers, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee began hearings on the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, where the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Moynihan, Murray, Gorton, and Faircloth, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.