

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture Appropriations, 1997.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8583–S8740

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1984–1988, and S. Res. 282. **Page S8636**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1645, to regulate United States scientific and tourist activities in Antarctica, to conserve Antarctic resources. (S. Rept. No. 104–332)

H.R. 2909, to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands.

S. Res. 270, urging continued and increased United States support for the efforts of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to bring to justice the perpetrators of gross violations of international law in the former Yugoslavia.

S. Res. 275, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan, with an amendment.

S. Res. 276, congratulating the people of Mongolia on embracing democracy in Mongolia through their participation in the parliamentary elections held on June 30, 1996. **Pages S8635–36**

Measures Passed:

Agriculture Appropriations, 1997: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 237), Senate passed 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, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8583–S8600, S8602–17

Adopted:

Leahy Amendment No. 4987, to implement the recommendations of the Northern Forest Lands Council. **Pages S8612–13**

Brown Modified Amendment No. 5002, to establish an interim moratorium on bypass flows.

Pages S8586–87, S8594, S8614

Kennedy Amendment No. 5003, to protect the public health of the consuming public through effective medication guides and goals. **Pages S8611–12**

Burns Amendment No. 5004, to increase barley contract payments by \$20,000 in fiscal year 1998, and reduce payments in each of fiscal years 1999–2002. **Pages S8613–14**

Cochran (for Simpson) Amendment No. 5005, relating to the establishment of a wetland conservation easement. **Pages S8614–16**

Cochran (for Hatfield) Amendment No. 5006, to provide funds for grants to rural public television stations. **Pages S8614–16**

Cochran (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 5007, to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture may use funds in the Fund for Rural America for grants to develop and apply precision agricultural technologies. **Pages S8614–16**

Cochran (for Shelby) Amendment No. 5008, to provide funds for investigations of arson or violence at religious institutions. **Pages S8614–16**

Cochran (for Domenici) Amendment No. 5009, to provide funds for emergency insured loans resulting from natural disasters. **Pages S8614–16**

Bumpers (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 5010, to increase funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration and the Food Safety and Inspection Service. **Page S8616**

Bumpers (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 5011, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Canadian wheat and barley exports to the United States. **Page S8616**

Bumpers (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 5012, relating to the study of imported crab meat. **Page S8616**

Bumpers (for Leahy) Amendment No. 5013, to provide for the production of certain crops. **Page S8616**

Bumpers (for Wellstone/Grams) Amendment No. 5014, to prohibit the use of funds to administer the provision of contract payments to a producer for contract acreage on which wild rice is planted unless the contract payment is reduced by an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice. **Page S8616**

Rejected:

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. (By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 234). Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8589–90**

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. (By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 235), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8588–91**

Bryan Amendment No. 4977, to establish funding limitations for the market access program. (By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 236), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S8591–92**

Withdrawn:

Kerrey Amendment No. 4978, to increase funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration and the Food Safety and Inspection Service. **Page S8614**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Hatfield, Bumpers, Harkin, Kerrey, Johnston, Kohl, and Byrd. **Page S8616**

Food Quality Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 1627, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8736–38**

Office of Government Ethics Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 3235, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics for 3 years, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S8738–40**

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1997: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action of amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S8617–33

Pending:

McCain Amendment No. 5017, to require information on cooperation with United States anti-terrorism efforts in the annual country reports on terrorism. **Pages S8631–33**

Coverdell Amendment No. 5018, to increase the amount of funds available for international narcotics control programs. **Page S8633**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Thursday, July 26, 1996. **Page S8740**

Nuclear Waste Policy—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1936, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, on Wednesday, July 31, 1996. **Page S8593**

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

Transmitting the report of U.S. participation in the United Nations for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–165).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Nanette K. Laughrey, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Dean D. Pregerson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. **Pages S8629, S8740**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Ford Wiltshire, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Jon Deveaux, of New York, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring October 12, 1998.

Michael A. Naranjo, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2002. **Page S8740**

Messages From the President: **Page S8635**

Messages From the House: **Page S8635**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S8635**

Communications: **Page S8635**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S8636–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S8643**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8645–67**

Authority for Committees: Pages S8667–68

Additional Statements: Pages S8668–72

Text of H.R. 3734, as Previously Passed:
Pages S8673–S8736

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total–237) Pages S8590–92, S8616

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 25, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8740.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1166, to improve the registration of pesticides, to provide minor use crop protection, and to improve pesticide tolerances to safeguard infants and children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee the amendment incorporates the text of S. 1491).

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators Cochran (Chairman), Warner, Helms, Coverdell, Grassley, Gramm, Pryor, Daschle, Baucus, Kerrey, and Heflin.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Helms (Chairman), Cochran, McConnell, Santorum, Gramm, Conrad, Pryor, Baucus, and Heflin.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Craig (Chairman), Coverdell, Warner, Helms, Grassley, Heflin, Harkin, Conrad, and Kerrey.

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senators McConnell (Chairman), Santorum, Craig, Gramm, Harkin, Daschle, and Pryor.

CONSUMER CREDIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded oversight hearings on recent developments in consumer lending in the United States, the implications of consumer credit trends and the risks they impose on financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ricki T. Helfer, Chairman, Federal Deposit

Insurance Corporation; Eugene A. Ludwig, Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; James Chessen, American Bankers Association, Washington, D.C.; Donald Ratajczak, Economic Forecasting Center/Georgia State University, Atlanta; and Edward Bankole, Moody's Investors Service, New York, New York.

SPACE STATION/SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded oversight hearings to examine the status of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's space station and space shuttle programs, after receiving testimony from Wilbur Trafton, Associate Administrator for Space Flight, Frederick D. Gregory, Associate Administrator for Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, both of NASA; and Thomas Schulz, Associate Director of National Security and International Affairs, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1873, authorizing funds for programs of the National Environmental Education Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2909, to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands;

S. 1875, to designate the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse";

H.R. 2504, to designate the Federal building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veach-Baley Federal Complex";

H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building";

H.R. 3400, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as "Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse";

H.R. 3572, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; and

S. 1977, to designate a United States courthouse located in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse".