

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Energy and Water Appropriations, and Legislative Branch Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9085–S9208

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2000–2003. **Page S9159**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1130, to provide for the establishment of uniform accounting systems, standards, and reporting systems in the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–339)

S. 1237, to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1556, to prohibit economic espionage, to provide for the protection of United States proprietary economic information in interstate and foreign commerce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1887, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, with amendments.

S. 1931, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton Post Office and Courthouse", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9158**

Measures Passed:

Energy and Water Appropriations, 1997: By 93 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 253), Senate passed H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1959, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S9085–S9115**

Adopted:

McCain Amendment No. 5094, to clarify that report language does not have the force of law. **Pages S9087–89**

Domenici Amendment No. 5121 (to Amendment No. 5094), to require a monthly report from the Department of Energy. **Page S9088**

Domenici Amendment No. 5122, of a technical nature. **Page S9100**

Rejected:

McCain Amendment No. 5095, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the advanced light water reactor program. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 249), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9086–89**

Bumpers Amendment No. 5096, to reduce funding for the Weapons Activities Account to the level requested by the Administration. (By 61 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 250), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9089–90**

Grams Amendment No. 5100, to limit funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission and require the Commission to be phased out in 5 years. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 252), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9094–99**

Feingold Amendment No. 5106, to eliminate funding for the Animas-LaPlata Participating Project. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 251), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9090–94**

Withdrawn:

Domenici (for McCain) Amendment No. 5105, to strike section 503 of the bill. **Page S9094**

Johnston (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 5097, to ensure adequate funding for the biomass power for rural development program. **Page S9099**

Subsequently, S. 1959 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S9115**

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: Senators Domenici, Hatfield, Cochran, Gorton, McConnell, Bennett, Burns, Johnston, Byrd, Hollings, Reid, Kerrey, and Murray. **Page S9115**

Legislative Branch Appropriations, 1997: By yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 254), Senate passed H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, as amended, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S9115–18

Adopted:

Chafee Amendment No. 5119, to provide for a limitation on the exclusive copyrights of literary works reproduced or distributed in specialized formats for use by blind or disabled persons. **Page S9116**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Mack, Bennett, Campbell, Hatfield, Murray, Mikulski, and Byrd. **Page S9118**

D.C. Water and Sewer Authority: Senate passed H.R. 3663, to amend the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act to permit the Council of the District of Columbia to authorize the issuance of revenue bonds with respect to water and sewer facilities, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9208**

Transportation Appropriations, 1997: Senate began consideration of H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S9118–50

Adopted:

Hatfield Amendment No. 5123, to provide the Secretary of Transportation authority through fiscal year 2000 for the use of voluntary separation incentives to assist in reducing employment levels.

Pages S9129–30

Hatfield Amendment No. 5124, of a technical nature. **Pages S9129–30**

Hatfield Amendment No. 5125, of a technical nature. **Pages S9129–30**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 5126, to provide funds for aviation security research. **Page S9130**

Hatfield (for Kohl) Amendment No. 5127, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should establish the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation as a performance-based organization. **Page S9131**

Hatfield (for Bond) Amendment No. 5128, to express the sense of the Congress concerning the use of full and open competition in procurement for the Federal Aviation Administration and to require an

independent assessment of the acquisition management system of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S9131**

Hatfield (for Kerrey/Exon) Amendment No. 5129, to provide for the safe and efficient interstate transportation of sugar beets. **Page S9132**

Hatfield (for Levin) Amendment No. 5130, to provide for the use of funds for a highway safety improvement project in Michigan. **Page S9132**

Dorgan Amendment No. 5131, to require an investigation of anticompetitive practices in air transportation. **Pages S9132–34**

DeWine Amendment No. 5133, to provide funds and incentives for closures of rail-highway crossings. **Pages S9141–42, S9145**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 5134, to prohibit the Surface Transportation Board from increasing user fees. **Pages S9142–45**

Hatfield (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5136, to provide for loan guarantees under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976. **Pages S9146–47**

Hatfield (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 5137, to increase funds available for administrative costs of the Symms National Recreational Trails Act. **Page S9147**

Hatfield (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5138, to prohibit the issuance implementation, or enforcement of certain regulations relating to fats, oils, and greases. **Page S9147**

Hatfield (for Gorton/Baucus) Amendment No. 5139, to provide funds to halt erosion on scenic highways or byways along the ocean. **Pages S9147–48**

Exon Amendment No. 5140, to provide funding for the Institute of Railroad Safety. **Page S9149**

Rejected:

McCain Amendment No. 5132, to reduce the level of funding for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation. (By yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9134–41**

Withdrawn:

Murkowski Amendment No. 5135, to provide that the sale of power to Amtrak for its own use, including operating its electric traction system, does not constitute a direct sale of electric energy to an ultimate consumer under section 212(h)(1) of the Federal Power Act. **Pages S9145–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto on Wednesday, July 31, 1996. **Pages S9149–50**

Public Housing Reform and Empowerment Act: Senate disagreed to the amendments of the House to S. 1260, to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs

from the Federal Government to States and localities, agreed to the request of the House for a conference thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators D'Amato, Mack, Faircloth, Bond, Sarbanes, Kerry, and Moseley-Braun. **Pages S9165–S9208**

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Treaty with the Republic of Korea on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104–1) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–22);

Treaty with the United Kingdom on Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104–2) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–23);

Treaty with Austria on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104–21) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–24);

Treaty with Hungary on Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104–20) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–25);

Treaty with the Philippines on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 104–18) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–26);

Extradition Treaty with Hungary (Treaty Doc. 104–5) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–27);

Extradition Treaty with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 104–7) and the Supplementary Extradition Treaty with Belgium (Treaty Doc. 104–8) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–28);

Extradition Treaty with the Philippines (Treaty Doc. 104–16) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–29);

Extradition Treaty with Malaysia (Treaty Doc. 104–26) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–30);

Extradition Treaty with Bolivia (Treaty Doc. 104–22) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–31); and

Extradition Treaty with Switzerland (Treaty Doc. 104–9) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–32) **Pages S9158–59**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Nina Gershon, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Page S9208**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Messages From the House: **Pages S9157–58**

Measures Referred: **Page S9158**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Pages S9158–59**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S9159–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S9161**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9161–64**

Authority for Committees: **Page S9164**

Additional Statements: **Pages S9164–65**

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total–255)

Pages S9089–90, S9094, S9099, S9104, S9118, S9141

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:29 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 31, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9208.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, H.R. 3814, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

FOREST HEALTH CONDITIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded oversight hearings to examine the conditions that have made the National Forests of the Southwest susceptible to catastrophic fires and disease, and to explore solutions and new management techniques, after receiving testimony from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Chip Cartwright, Regional Forester, Southwestern Region, and Mary Jo Lavin, Director, Fire and Aviation Management Staff, all of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Peter Coppelman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; John Hafterson, Arizona State Land Department, Phoenix; Tom Kolb, Northern Arizona University, Dennis R. Kingsberry, Stone Forest Industries, and Charles Babbitt, Southwest Forest Alliance, all of Flagstaff, Arizona; William R. Murray, American Forest and Paper Association, Washington, D.C.; Fred Cheever, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado; and Arthur N. Lee, Apache County Board of Supervisors, Eager, Arizona.

DRUG TRAFFICKING IMPACT ON ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade resumed hearings in conjunction with the Caucus on International Narcotics Control to examine how drug trafficking and money laundering may