

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Senate agreed to Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9209–S9320

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2004–2008, and S. J. Res. 58. **Page S9295**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1311, to establish a National Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. (S. Rept. No. 104–340)

S. 1735, to establish the United States Tourism Organization as a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of promoting tourism in the United States, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–341)

S. 1840, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission. (S. Rept. No. 104–342)

Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary of the U.S. Senate During the 103d Congress. (S. Rept. No. 104–343)

S. 1643, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997 through 2001, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–344)

S. Con. Res. 52, A bill to recognize and encourage the convening of a National Silver Haired Congress. (S. Rept. No. 104–345)

S. 1869, to make certain technical corrections in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. (S. Rept. No. 104–346) **Page S9294**

Measures Passed:

Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 203, providing for an adjournment of both Houses. **Page S9216**

Nuclear Waste Policy Act: By 63 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 259), Senate passed S. 1936, to amend the

Nuclear Waste Policy Act, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By 86 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 256) Murkowski Amendment No. 5055, to provide that EPA issue standards for protection of the public from releases of radioactive materials from a permanent repository, to provide for the safe transportation of radioactive materials, to exempt the nuclear waste program from civil service laws, to eliminate the train inspection limitation, to clarify the scope of the Department of Transportation training standards, to eliminate the permanent disposal research provisions, to eliminate the budget priorities regarding construction costs of the interim storage facility, and to clarify routing.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 5051, to establish compliance requirements. **Pages S9222–28**

Murkowski Amendment No. 5048, to establish a benefits agreement with the City of Caliente and Lincoln County, Nevada. **Pages S9228–34**

Rejected:

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 5037, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy does not accept title to high-level nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel unless protection of public safety or health or the environment so require. (By 83 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 257), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Bryan Amendment No. 5075, to specify contractual obligations between the Department of Energy and waste generators. **Pages S9234–37**

Bryan Amendment No. 5073, to establish that the Secretary of Energy shall comply with all Federal laws and regulations in developing and implementing the integrated management system. (By 73 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 258), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9237–41**

Transportation Appropriations, 1997: By 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 261), Senate passed H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, as amended, and taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S9265–88**

Adopted:

Baucus Amendment No. 5141, to require the calculation of Federal-aid highway apportionments and allocations for fiscal year 1997 to be determined so that States experience no net effect from a credit to the Highway Trust Fund made in correction of an accounting error made in fiscal year 1994. (By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 260), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Lautenberg (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 5142, to transfer previously appropriated funds among highway projects in Minnesota. **Page S9275**

Lautenberg (for Wyden) Amendment No. 5143, to provide conditions for the implementation of regulations issued by the Secretary of Transportation that require the sounding of a locomotive horn at highway-rail grade crossings. **Pages S9275–78**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 5144, to make a technical correction. **Page S9279**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 5145, to make a technical correction. **Page S9279**

Cohen Amendment No. 5146, to prevent the Department of Transportation from penalizing Maine or New Hampshire for non-compliance with Federal vehicle weight limitations. **Page S9280**

Gramm Amendment No. 5147 (to Amendment No. 5141), to require a review of the reporting of excise tax data by the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1994. **Pages S9280–81**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Hatfield, Domenici, Specter, Bond, Gorton, Shelby, Lautenberg, Byrd, Harkin, Mikulski, and Reid.

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Federal Employees Indian Contracts Repeal: Senate passed H.R. 3215, to amend title 18, United States Code, to repeal the provision relating to Federal employees contracting or trading with Indians, clearing the measure for the President.

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Smithsonian Construction: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 1995, to authorize construction of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space

Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport, and the bill was then passed.

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Mutual Aid Agreement: Senate passed H. J. Res. 166, granting the consent of Congress to the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city of Bristol, Virginia, and the city of Bristol, Tennessee, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9318**

Budget Reconciliation Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Frank R. Zapata, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. **Page S9316**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S9292–93**

Measures Referred: **Page S9293**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S9293**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S9305–06**

Authority for Committees: **Page S9306**

Additional Statements: **Pages S9306–16**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—261) **Pages S9215, S9222, S9241, S9254, S9278, S9287**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 10:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 1, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9318.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Alberto Aleman Zubieta, a citizen of the Republic of Panama, to be

Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission, Everett Alvarez, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Lt. Gen. Howell M. Estes, III, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Space Command/Commander-in-Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, Col. Garry R. Trexler, USAF, for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the United States to the grade of Brigadier General, Brig. Gen. Gerald A. Rudisill, Jr., USA, for promotion in the Reserve of the Army to the grade of Major General, certain nominations on a Navy promotion list received by the Senate on May 17, 1996, certain nominations on an Air Force Reserve appointment list received by the Senate on May 1, 1996, and 3,742 nominations in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Estes and Adm. Johnson (listed above), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Adm. Johnson was introduced by Senator Burns.

EXPORT CONTROL REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Finance concluded hearings on provisions of H.R. 361, to strengthen multilateral export controls, to reduce United States reliance on unilateral controls, to combat the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them, to prohibit sensitive exports to terrorist countries, to remove cold-war impediments to export competitiveness, and to provide new procedures for ensuring U.S. exporters are treated fairly, after receiving testimony from Representative Roth; William A. Reinsch, Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Mitchel B. Wallerstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counterproliferation Policy; Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs; William T. Archey, American Electronics Association, Washington, D.C.; Thomas T. Connelly, Hardinge Inc., Elmira, New York, on behalf of the Association for Manufacturing Technology; and Richard H. Burgess, Dupont Company, Wilmington, Delaware, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

FOOD SECURITY IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the current state of food security in Africa, the future outlook for world food security, and the role of United States food aid programs, after receiving testimony

from Eugene Moos, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Mary Chambliss, Deputy Administrator, Export Credits, Foreign Agricultural Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Leonard M. Rogers, Acting Assistant Administrator for Humanitarian Response, Agency for International Development; Harold J. Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, General Accounting Office; Per Pinstrup-Andersen, International Food Policy Research Institute, and Judy C. Bryson, Africare, both of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Davies, Cargill, Cobham Surrey, United Kingdom.

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the drug trafficking situation along the Southwest border of the United States, focusing on Federal, State, and local efforts to develop and promote U.S. counterdrug strategies, receiving testimony from Senators Domenici, Gramm, and Hutchison; Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Douglas Kruhm, Assistant Commissioner for Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Donald F. Ferrarone, Special Agent in Charge, Houston Field Division, and Harold D. Wankel, Chief of Operations, both of the Drug Enforcement Administration, all of the Department of Justice.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Wenona Y. Whitfield, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Clarence J. Sundram, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Joseph F. Bataillon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Thomas W. Thrash Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Paez was introduced by Senator Boxer, Mr. Bataillon was introduced by Senators Kerrey and Exon, Ms. Kollar-Kotelly was introduced by District of Columbia Delegate Norton, Mr. Sundram was introduced by Senator Moynihan, Mr. Thrash was introduced by Senator Nunn, and Ms. Whitfield was introduced by Senator Simon.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: On Tuesday, July 30, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property

Rights approved for full committee consideration the following measures:

S.J. Res. 8, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit retroactive increases in taxes; and

S. 1990, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for the United States Civil Rights Commission.

PENSION AUDIT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee began mark up of S. 1490, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve enforcement of such title and benefit security for participants by adding certain provisions with respect to the auditing of employee benefit plans, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3923–3934; 1 private bill, H.R. 3935; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 501 were introduced. **Page H9566**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–727);

H.R. 351, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to eliminate certain provisions relating to bilingual voting requirements, amended (H. Rept. 104–728);

H. Res. 495, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–729);

H. Res. 496, providing for 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 (H. Rept. 104–730);

H. Res. 497, providing for consideration of H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–731);

H. Res. 498, providing for consideration of H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–732);

Conference report on H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–733);

H. Res. 499, providing for consideration of H.R. 123, to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States (H. Rept. 104–734);

H. Res. 500, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of a certain resolution reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 104–735); and

Conference report on H.R. 3103, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve portability and continuity of health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery, to promote the use of medical savings accounts, to improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and to simplify the administration of health insurance (H. Rept. 104–736).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9379**

Journal Vote: By a yea and nay vote of 302 yeas to 85 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 373, the House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of Tuesday, July 30. **Pages H9379–80**

Use of Exhibit: By a yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 28 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 374, agreed to permit the display of an exhibit by Representative Doggett. By a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 375, agreed to the Castle motion to table the Wise motion to reconsider the vote.

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Motions to Adjourn: By a recorded vote of 76 yeas of 344 noes, Roll No. 376, rejected the Volkmer motion to adjourn. By a recorded vote of 57 yeas to 357 noes, Roll No. 377, rejected the Skaggs motion to adjourn. By a yea-and-nay vote of 50 yeas to 350 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 378, rejected the Bonior motion to adjourn. **Pages H9386–88**

Use of Exhibit: By a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 53 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 379, agreed to permit the display of an exhibit by Representative Ward. By a recorded vote of 239 yeas to

172 yeas, Roll No. 380, agreed to the Largent motion to table the McDermott motion to reconsider the vote. **Pages H9389–91**

Personal Responsibility Act: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 328 yeas to 101 nays, Roll No. 383, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. **Pages H9392–H9424**

H. Res. 495, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 281 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 382. Agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 259 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 381. Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 492, waiving a requirement requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules. **Pages H9392–H9403**

International Dolphin Conservation Program: By a recorded vote of 316 yeas to 108 yeas, Roll No. 385, the House passed H.R. 2823, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. **Pages H9431–50**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H9438–42**

Rejected the Stubbs amendment that sought to allow tuna destined for U.S. markets to be labeled safe for dolphins only if dolphins are not killed, chased, harassed, injured, or encircled with nets (rejected by a recorded vote of 161 yeas to 260 yeas, Roll No. 384). **Pages H9442–49**

H. Res. 489, the rule which provided consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H9424–31**

Presidential Veto Message—Teamwork for Employers and Managers: It was made in order that the veto message of the President, together with the accompanying bill, H.R. 743, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, be referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. **Page H9450**

Manzanar Historic Site: The House passed H.R. 3006, to provide for disposal of public lands in support of the Manzanar Historic Site in the State of California. **Pages H9452–54**

Agreed to the committee amendment; and

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Agreed to amend the title.

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Japanese-American World War II Memorial: The House passed H.R. 2636, to transfer jurisdiction

over certain parcels of Federal real property located in the District of Columbia. **Pages H9454–55**

Agreed to the committee amendment. **Page H9455**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9380 and H9387.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas-and-nays votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9379–80, H9385, H9386, H9386–87, H9387–88, H9388, H9390, H9390–91, H9402, H9402–03, H9423–24, H9448–49, and H9449–50. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:02 p.m. and reconvened at 11:43 p.m. **Page H9473**

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SOYBEAN CHECK-OFF PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing to review the National Soybean Check-Off Program. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

REVISED SECTION 602(b) SUBDIVISION

Committee on Appropriations: Approved a revised 602(b) Subdivision for fiscal year 1997.

OVERSIGHT—FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued oversight hearings regarding Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Aida Alvarez, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

50 STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3793, 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3391, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act.

FDA INTEGRITY ISSUES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on FDA Integrity Issues Raised by the Visx, Inc. Document Disclosure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 3244, District of Columbia Economic Recovery Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Lieberman; Speaker Gingrich; Thomas Ripy, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Agreed to the introduction of resolutions regarding the Office of Compliance Regulations.

The Committee approved the following committee resolutions: regulations regarding official internet web sites; and regulations regarding Electronic Communications Security.

The Committee also received the results of the 1995 House Audit and considered other pending Committee business.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Review of U.S. Foreign Policy. Testimony was heard from Warren Christopher, Secretary of State.

REGULATORY FAIR WARNING ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued mark up of H.R. 3307, Regulatory Fair Warning Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

CONFERENCE REPORT—PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3734, Personal Responsibility Act, and against its consideration. The rule provides

that the conference report shall be considered as read. The yeas and nays are ordered on the adoption of the conference report and on any subsequent report or motion to dispose of an amendment between the Houses. The rule provides that the provisions of clause 5(c) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on any tax rate increase) shall not apply to the bill, amendments thereto, or conference reports thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Shaw, Sabo, Stenholm, Woolsey, Neal, Tanner, Becerra, and Mink.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1997, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence.

CONFERENCE REPORT—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference on H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for Fiscal Year 1997, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Vucanovich and Hefner.

CONFERENCE REPORT—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year 1997, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Skeen.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE EMPOWERMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 123, English Language Empowerment Act of 1996. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (three day availability of committee reports).

The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R.

3898 for further amendment purposes. The rule waives points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (relating to germaneness).

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules only in the order specified; if offered by the Member designated in the report; debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and which shall not be subject to amendment or a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report.

The rule authorizes the Chair to postpone and cluster votes on amendments. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cunningham, Canady, Martinez, Gene Green of Texas, Romero-Barcelo, Becerra, Jackson-Lee, Richardson, Serrano, Underwood, and Velazquez.

WAIVING 2/3 VOTE REQUIREMENT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring 2/3 vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against a resolution reported by the Rules Committee before August 2, 1996. The resolution applies the waiver to special rules providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany H.R. 3103, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

SPACE COMMERCIALIZATION PROMOTION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Space Commercialization Promotion Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Lionel S. Johns, Associate Director, Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Spence M. Armstrong, Associate Director, Human Resources and Education, NASA; Robert Davis, Deputy Under Secretary, Space, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

SBA PROGRAMS TO ASSIST VETERANS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a joint hearing on SBA programs to assist veterans in readjusting to civilian life. Testimony was heard from Leon Bechet, Assistant Administrator, Veterans Affairs, SBA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 2062, amended, to designate the Health Care Financing Administration building under construction at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD as the "Helen Delich Bentley Building"; H.R. 3535, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 3576, amended, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3710, amended, to designate a U.S. courthouse located in Tampa, FL, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse"; 18 Repair and Alteration Resolutions; 1 Lease Resolution; and 2 11(b) Resolutions.

REPLACING FEDERAL INCOME TAX—DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING AND ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on the impact of replacing the Federal Income Tax, with emphasis on domestic manufacturing and on energy and natural resources. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Conferees on Tuesday, July 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees on Tuesday, July 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3230, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees on Tuesday, July 30, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions 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.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3754, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of 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, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D844)

H.R. 2337, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased taxpayer protections. Signed July 30, 1996. (P.L. 104-168)

BILL VETOED

H.R. 743, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive. Vetoed July 30, 1996.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, business meeting, to mark up 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, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings to examine current U.S. participation in the NATO Implementation Force Mission in Bosnia, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on aviation security challenges, 2 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to hold oversight hearings to review the propriety of a commercial lease issued by the Bureau of Land Management and Lake Havasu,

Arizona, including its consistency with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and Department of the Interior land use policies, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of Section 2001, Emergency Timber Salvage, of Public Law 104-19, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting, to consider the nominations of Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to review foreign policy issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up S. 1885, the Prosthetic Limb Access Act, S. 1952, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, S. 982, National Information Infrastructure Protection Act, and S.J. Res. 52, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of victims of crimes, 10 a.m., SD226.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings to examine terrorism in the United States, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

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Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3393, Family Pet Protection Act of 1996; and H.R. 3398, Pet Safety and Protection Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue oversight hearings regarding Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to continue hearings on "How Did We Get Here From There?" A Discussion of the Evolution of the Budget Process from 1974 to the Present, Part III, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on reauthorization of Existing Public Health Service Act Programs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3876, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act; H.R. 3863, Student Debt Reduction Act of 1996; and H. Res. 470, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Education should play a more active role in monitoring and enforcing compliance with the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 related to campus crime, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on Security of FBI Background Files, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H. Res. 120, supporting the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine and the progress of its political and economic reforms; and H.R. 3916, to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual

computer readable text and voice recordings, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue mark up of H.R. 3307, Regulatory Fair Warning Act and H.R. 3565, Violent Youth Crime Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing regarding the possible shifting of refugee resettlement to private organizations, 8 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3640, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act; H.R. 3642, California Indian Land Claims Transfer Act; H.R. 2997, to establish certain criteria for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups; H.R. 3671, United Houma Nation Recognition and Land Claims Settlement Act of 1996; H.R. 2591, Indian Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act of 1995; H.R. 3879, Northern Mariana Islands Delegate Act; H.R. 2512, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Infrastructure Development Trust Fund Act of 1996; H.R. 2710, Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Correction Act; H.R. 3547, to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of real property in the Apache National Forest in the State of Arizona to the Alpine Elementary School District 7 to be used for the construction of school facilities and related playing fields; H.R. 2693, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; H.R. 1179 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Building Restoration and Preservation Act; H.R. 2392, to amend the Umatilla Basin Project Act to establish boundaries for irrigation districts within the Umatilla Basin; H.R. 3258, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain real property located within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to Carlsbad Irrigation District; S. 1467, Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System Act of 1995; H.R. 3903, to require the Secretary of the Interior to sell the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir; H.R. 3910, Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1996; S. 811, Water Desalinization Research and Development Act of 1996; and H.R. 3828, Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments of 1996, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the economic effects of the New England Groundfish Management Plan, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3595, to make available to the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska its proportionate share of funds awarded in Docket 74-A to the Sioux Indian Tribe, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on funding Department of Energy Research and Development in a constrained Budget Environment, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: H.R. 2062, to designate the Health Care Financing Administration building under construction at 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD as the "Helen Delich Bentley Building"; H.R. 3535, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, MD, as the "W. Edwards Deming Federal Building"; H.R. 3576, to designate the U.S. courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, IN, as the "Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse"; H.R. 3710, to designate a U.S. courthouse located in Tampa, FL, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse"; GSA Repair and Alteration and Lease Prospectuses; 11(b) Resolutions; and H.R. 3348, Snow Removal Policy Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 1309, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the use of child safety restraint systems approved by the Secretary of Transportation on commercial aircraft, following full Committee markup, 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on the oversight of NEXCOM Lease, 1 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, to continue hearings on the Status and Future Direction of U.S. Trade Policy, with emphasis on U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive hearing on Bosnia/Iran Arms, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider the conference report on H.R. 3734, Budget Reconciliation. Senate may also consider further appropriations bills and conference reports, when available.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, August 1

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 123, English as a Common Language of Government Act (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3103, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act (subject to a rule);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3517, Military Construction Appropriations (rule waiving all points of order);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3603, Agriculture Appropriations (rule waiving all points of order); and

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3230, Department of Defense Authorization (rule waiving all points of order).

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