

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.

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

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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.

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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.

**Pages S9287–88**

*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.

**Pages S9316–17**

*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. **Page S9318**

**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