

Tuesday, September 10, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- Senate passed Defense of Marriage Act.
- Senate agreed to DOD Authorizations Conference Report.
- House passed 6 bills under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10099–S10243

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2061–2062. **Page S10192**

Measure Passed:

Defense of Marriage Act: By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 280), Senate passed H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10100–25, S10129**

Trade Relations: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1918, to amend trade laws and related provisions to clarify the designation of normal trade relations, and the measure was then passed. **Pages S10239–40**

Montgomery VA Medical Center: Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1669, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Department of Veterans Medical Center", and the bill was then passed. **Pages S10240–43**

Measure Rejected:

Employment Nondiscrimination Act: By 49 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 281), Senate rejected S. 2056, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. **Pages S10129–39**

National Defense Authorization Act, 1997—Conference Report: By 73 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3230, to authorize appropriations 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 person-

nel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, clearing the measure for the President.

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Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1997: Senate began consideration of 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, agreeing to committee amendments, with certain exceptions, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10139–85, S10190**

Adopted:

Helms (for Thompson) Amendment No. 5208 (to committee amendment on page 2, line 18), to forbid any Member of the House of Representatives or the Senate from receiving a pay raise or cost of living adjustment in the fiscal year 1997. **Pages S10159–60**

Shelby Amendment No. 5209, to make a technical correction. **Page S10165**

Shelby Amendment No. 5210, of a technical nature. **Page S10165**

Shelby Amendment No. 5211, to correct a printing error. **Page S10165**

Shelby Amendment No. 5212, to strike Section 632. **Page S10165**

Shelby Amendment No. 5213, to strike Title VII. **Pages S10165–66**

Shelby Amendment No. 5214, to provide funding to the Postal Service for payments of workman's compensation claims. **Page S10166**

Shelby Amendment No. 5215, to further define actions the Internal Revenue Service is to take with regard to the information systems account. **Page S10166**

Shelby Amendment No. 5216, to provide for assistance to Special Agents of the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service. **Page S10166**

Shelby Amendment No. 5217, to provide Federal Executive Boards ability to expend funds.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5218, to expand the flexibility available to the Office of Personnel Management in providing services to CSRS and FERS annuitants.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5219, to provide authority to the General Services Administration to negotiate payment for housing the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5220, of a technical nature.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5221, to strike provisions requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to do a space utilization study of courtroom space and utilization.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5222, to allow agencies to advance employee FEHB premiums for employees on leave without pay.

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Shelby Amendment No. 5225, to extend the OMB's authority to streamline financial management authority under the GMRA pilot program.

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Shelby (for Stevens) Amendment No. 5226, to provide for a Government accounting of regulatory costs and benefits of major rules.

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Shelby (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 5227, to provide for the closing of an alley owned by the United States to allow construction of a facility for the United States Government in the District of Columbia.

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Shelby (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 5228, to transfer certain property to be used as an animal research facility.

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Shelby (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 5229, to prohibit the fraudulent production, sale, transportation, or possession of fictitious items purporting to be valid financial instruments of the United States, foreign governments, States, political subdivisions, or private organizations, and to increase the penalties for counterfeiting violations.

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Shelby (for Gregg) Amendment No. 5230, to prohibit distribution of federal employee personal information without consent of the individual.

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Shelby (for Kohl) Amendment No. 5231, to express the sense of Congress that the level of telephone assistance provided by the Internal Revenue Service to taxpayers should be increased.

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Shelby (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 5232, to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from expending funds for the field office reorganization plan until the National Commission on Restructuring the

Internal Revenue Service has had an opportunity to issue their final report.

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Pending:

Wyden/Kennedy Amendment No. 5206 (to committee amendment beginning on page 16, line 16, through page 17, line 2), to prohibit the restriction of certain types of medical communications between a health care provider and a patient.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 5223 (to committee amendment beginning on page 16, line 16, through page 17, line 2), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end deferral for United States shareholders on income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to property imported into the United States.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 11, 1996.

Water Resources Development Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 640, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Chafee, Warner, Smith, Baucus, and Moy-nihan.

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Messages From the House:

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Communications:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—281)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:21 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, September 11, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10243.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR/HHS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, H.R. 3755, making appropriations for