

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in a joint meeting to receive an address by His Excellency John Bruton, Prime Minister of Ireland.

House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10245–S10347

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2063–2066. **Page S10327**

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1997: Senate resumed 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, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S10245–S10319

Adopted:

Warner Amendment No. 5240, to grant flexibility to the General Services Administration in regards to telecommuting centers. **Page S10280**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 285), Thomas Modified Amendment No. 5224, to limit the use of funds to provide for Federal agencies to furnish commercially available property or services to other Federal agencies. **Pages S10281–86**

Shelby (for Stevens) Amendment No. 5249, to provide for the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Affairs to continue operations. **Pages S10286–90**

Shelby (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 5250, to strike Section 404. **Pages S10286–90**

Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 5251, to provide for an audit by Inspector Generals of administratively uncontrollable overtime practices, and to revise guidelines for such practices. **Pages S10286–90**

Shelby (for Hollings) Amendment No. 5252, to increase the reimbursement for funeral and burial costs to \$10,000 for Federal civilian employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty. **Pages S10286–90**

Shelby/Kerrey Amendment No. 5253, to provide for training of explosive detection canines. **Pages S10286–90**

Shelby Amendment No. 5254, to provide for the designation of the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse in Portland, Oregon. **Pages S10286–90**

Shelby (for Brown) Amendment No. 5255, to provide for the establishment of uniform accounting systems, standards, and reporting systems in the Federal Government. **Pages S10286–90**

Rejected:

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. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 282), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10245–61**

Committee amendment beginning on page 80, line 20, through page 81, line 4, striking language that prohibits funds to be made available to pay for an abortion, or the administrative expenses in connection with any health plan under the federal employees' health benefit program which provides any benefits or coverage for abortions. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10270–78**

Pending:

Kassebaum Amendment No. 5235 (to committee amendment on page 16, line 16, through page 17, line 2), to express the sense of the Senate regarding communications between physicians and their patients. **Pages S10267–70**

Reid/Levin/Biden Modified Amendment No. 5256, to refer the White House travel office matter to the Court of Federal Claims. **Pages S10294–S10319**

Hatch Amendment No. 5257 (to Amendment No. 5256), to reimburse the victims of the White House Travel Office firing and investigation.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

Pages S10294–95, S10312

During consideration of this measure, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 283), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the point of order with respect to Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of 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. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of Section 202 of the Congressional Budget Resolution, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

Pages S10245, S10261–67

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of certain further amendments to be proposed to the bill.

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A further consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur on Amendments No. 5256 and No. 5257, listed above, on Thursday, September 12, 1996.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 12, 1996.

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

Report to accompany the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103–21) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–33).

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—285)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 10:21 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 12, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10346–47.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, and to examine the role of Federal, State, and local governments in surface transportation, after receiving testimony from Federico Peña, Secretary, and Rodney E. Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; Virginia Governor George F. Allen, Richmond, on behalf of the Southern Governors' Association; Mayor Bill Campbell, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors; William G. Burnett, Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Stephen J. Del Giudice, Prince George's County, Maryland, on behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and Carol Roberts, Palm Beach County, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

UNITED NATIONS REFORM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine proposals to reform the United Nations system, after receiving testimony from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, American Enterprise Institute, and former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and John R. Bolton, National Policy Forum, and former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, both of Washington, D.C.; and Edward C. Luck, United Nations Association, New York, New York.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine recent developments in the telecommunications industry, focusing on the state of competition in the telecommunications industry and the application of antitrust laws with regard to certain mergers, after receiving testimony from James