

Thursday, October 3, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to FAA Authorizations Conference Report.
Senate agreed to Sine Die Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12217–S12410

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2190–2199, S. Res. 311–323, and S. Con. Res. 74. **Page S12303**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 230, providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto. **Pages S12352–53**

Lott Amendment No. 5426, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12352–53**

Cache La Poudre River National Water Heritage Area: Senate passed S. 342, to establish the Cache La Poudre River Corridor, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12353–59**

Lott (for Brown) Amendment No. 5427, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12356–59**

Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management: Senate passed H.R. 4236, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12359–67**

Committee to Notify the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 315, to appoint a committee to notify the President concerning the proposed adjournment of the session. **Page S12367**

Subsequently, the Chair appointed the Majority and Minority Leaders. **Page S12367**

Commending John L. Doney: Senate agreed to S. Res. 312, saluting the service of John L. Doney for his career of public service to the United States Senate and its Members. **Page S12367**

Commending Jeanie Bowles: Senate agreed to S. Res. 313, Resolved, That the Senate of the United States commend Jeanie Bowles for her exemplary service to the Senate and the Nation. **Page S12367**

Adjournment Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 314, authorizing the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders to make certain appointments after the sine die adjournment of the present session. **Page S12367**

Thanks to the Vice President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 316, tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate. **Page S12368**

Thanks to the President pro tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 317, tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate. **Page S12368**

Commending the Democratic Leader: Senate agreed to S. Res. 318, to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic Leader. **Page S12368**

Commending the Majority Leader: Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader. **Page S12368**

Printing of Documents: Senate agreed to S. Res. 320, authorizing the printing of a Senate document. **Pages S12368–69**

Authorizing Legal Services: Senate agreed to S. Res. 321, authorizing the acceptance of pro bono legal services by a Member of the Senate challenging the validity of a Federal Statute in a civil action pursuant to a statute expressly authorizing Members of Congress to bring such a civil action. **Page S12369**

Commending Senator Daschle: Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic Leader. **Page S12369**

Commending Senator Lott: Senate agreed to S. Res. 323, to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader. **Page S12370**

Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 1776, to establish United States commemorative coin programs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12374–76**

Lott (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 5428, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12374–76**

Drug-Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment Act: Senate passed H.R. 4137, to combat drug-facilitated crimes of violence, including sexual assaults, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12376–79**

Lott (for Hatch/Biden/Coverdell) Amendment No. 5429, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12376–79**

Federal Courts Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 1887, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12379–90**

Lott (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5430, to make improvements in the judicial system. **Pages S12384–90**

Increased Criminal Mandatory Sentences: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1612, to provide for increased mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S12390**

Lott (for DeWine/Helms/Abraham) Amendment No. 5433, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12390**

Patent Compensation: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 632, to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12390–91**

Lott (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5431, to provide for a limitation on reasonable costs and fees under special circumstances. **Page S12391**

Ballast Water Management: Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation were discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4283, to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12398–S12401**

Emergency Management Assistance Compact: Senate passed H.J. Res. 193, granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12401**

Washington Metro Area Transit Regulation Compact: Senate passed H.J. Res. 194, granting the consent of the Congress to amendments made by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12401**

Talladega National Forest Boundary Modification: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1874, to modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12401**

War Crimes Disclosure Act: Senate passed H.R. 1281, to express the sense of the Congress that it is the policy of the Congress that United States Government agencies in possession of records about individuals who are alleged to have committed Nazi war crimes should make these records public, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12401–02**

Nursing Facility Resident Review: Senate passed H.R. 3632, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12402**

GAO Management Reform Act: Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3864, to amend laws authorizing auditing, reporting, and other functions by the General Accounting Office, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12402–03**

Emergency Drought Relief Act: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3910, to provide emergency drought relief to the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, Texas, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12403**

Nursing Authorized Period of Stay Extension: Senate passed S. 2197, to extend the authorized period of stay within the United States for certain nurses, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12403–04**

Lott (for Hatch/Kennedy) Amendment No. 5432, to make a technical correction. **Pages S12403–04**

Private Relief: Senate passed H.R. 1087, for the relief of Nguyen Quy An, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12404**

Presidential and Executive Office Accountability Act: Senate passed H.R. 3452, to make certain laws applicable to the Executive Office of the President, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S12404–05**

Lott (for Coats) Amendment No. 5434, to improve the remedial and enforcement provisions. **Page S12405**

Native American Housing Assistance: Senate passed H.R. 3219, to provide Federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12405–07**

Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Extension: Senate passed S. 2198, to provide for the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to continue in existence. **Page S12407**

Mining and Mineral Resources Institutes Act: Senate passed H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute or institutes to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the Nation's seabed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12407**

Pennsylvania Scenic River System: Senate passed H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12407–08**

Florida Scenic River System: Senate passed H.R. 3155, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12408**

Energy Policy and Conservation Act Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4083, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12408**

Human Rights Restoration Act: Senate passed H.R. 4036, making certain provisions with respect to internationally recognized human rights, refugees, and foreign relations, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12408–09**

Lott (for Pell) Amendment No. 5435, to delete sections 101 and 102. **Pages S12408–09**

Lott (for Kerry) Amendment No. 5436, to establish the Claiborne Pell Institute for International Relations and Public Policy and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service. **Pages S12408–09**

Lott (for Ford) Amendment No. 5437, to provide for the Edmund S. Muskie Foundation. **Pages S12408–09**

Lott (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 5438, to strike section 104. **Pages S12408–09**

Lott (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 5439, to authorize funds for the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation. **Pages S12408–09**

Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices Funding: Senate agreed to S. Res. 324, to provide funding for the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices to carry out certain transition responsibilities. **Page S12409**

FAA Authorizations—Conference Report: By 92 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12217–39**

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

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 304), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the conference report. **Pages S12228–29**

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 305), upon appeal, Senate rejected the ruling of the Chair in sustaining a point of order against the conference report as exceeding the scope of the conference with respect to a certain provision. **Pages S12229–32**

Older Americans Act: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1972, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to Indians. **Pages S12391–98**

Indian Health Care: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3378, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12402**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the reports on motor vehicle safety and highway safety for calendar year 1995; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–176). **Pages S12302–03**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

George W. Black, Jr., of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2001. **Page S12410**

Messages From the President: **Pages S12302-03**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S12303**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S12304-11**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12311-12**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12313-24**

Authority for Committees: **Page S12324**

Additional Statements: **Pages S12324-53**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—306). **Pages S12228-29, S12232, S12239**

Adjournment Sine Die: Senate convened at 9 a.m. and, in accordance with H. Con. Res. 230, adjourned sine die at 6:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ann Jorgenson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Ms. Jorgenson, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BOSNIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of United States military forces in Bosnia and the President's decision to send an additional 5,000 troops, after receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission, David J. Barram, of California, to be Administrator of General Services, General Services Administration, and Mary Ann Gooden Terrell, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending committee business, but made no announcements, and recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 4339-4343, were introduced. **Page H12270**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 3534, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to renew certain permits in the mineral King Addition of the Sequoia National Park and to protect historic and cultural resources in that National Park, amended (H. Rept. 104-866) **Page H12270**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Walker to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H12265**

Presidential Veto Message—Silvio Conte National Fish and Wildlife Act: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2909, to amend the Silvio O. Conte National Fish

and Wildlife Refuge Act to provide that the Secretary of the Interior may acquire lands for purposes of that Act only by donation or exchange, or otherwise with the consent of the owner of the lands, and explains his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-271). **Page H12267**

Subsequently, the veto message and bill were referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H12267**

Presidential Message—Transportation: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted his 1995 calendar year reports prepared by the Department of Transportation—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Commerce. **Page H12267**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:16 p.m. and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. **Page H12269**