

Wednesday, January 22, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nominations of Madeleine K. Albright to be Secretary of State and William S. Cohen to be Secretary of Defense.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty one bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 179–199, S.J. Res. 10, S. Con. Res. 4, and S. Res. 20–22.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 20, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry.

Special Report on Committee Activities of the Select Committee on Intelligence January 4, 1995 to October 3, 1996. (S. Rept. No. 105–1)

Special Report of the Joint Economic Committee Congress of the United States of the 1996 Economic Report of the President. (S. Rept. No. 105–2)

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Measures Passed:

Directing Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 21, to direct the Senate Legal Counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in *Sen. Robert C. Byrd, et al. v Franklin D. Raines, et al.*

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Commending Warren Christopher: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 4, commending and thanking the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary service as Secretary of State.

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State of the Union Address: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 9, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the state of the Union.

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Death of Former Senator Tsongas: Senate agreed to S. Res. 22, relative to the death of the Honorable

Paul Tsongas, formerly a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 1 EX), Madeleine Korbel Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of State.

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By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 2 EX), William S. Cohen, of Maine, to be Secretary of Defense.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Bass Levin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 1999.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Navy.

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–2)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:30 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday,

January 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S670.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 20) requesting \$1,747,544 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$1,792,747 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness: Senators Cochran (Chairman), Roberts, Helms, Grassley, Gramm, Kerrey, Daschle, Johnson, and Landrieu.

Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion: Senators Coverdell (Chairman), Helms, Cochran, McConnell, Baucus, Kerrey, Landrieu.

Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization: Senators Santorum (Chairman), Grassley, Coverdell, Roberts, Craig, Conrad, Leahy, Daschle, and Baucus.

Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition, and General Legislation: Senators McConnell (Chairman), Gramm, Craig, Santorum, Leahy, Conrad, and Johnson.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William S. Cohen, of Maine, to be Secretary of Defense.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Cohen, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain, Snowe, and Collins, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Andrew M. Cuomo, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators D'Amato and Moynihan and Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of

Housing and Urban Development, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$3,448,034 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$3,539,227 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress, and approved subcommittee chairmen and the creation of the following new subcommittee: Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William M. Daley, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Moseley-Braun and Durbin and Representative Hyde, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Donald Rumsfeld, Chicago, Illinois.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, after receiving testimony from Senators Craig, Lautenberg, Graham, Conrad, Bryan, and Dorgan; former Senator Paul Simon; Stuart M. Gerson, former Assistant and Acting Attorney General, Department of Justice; David R. Malpass, Bear, Stearns Company, Inc., New York, New York; Alan B. Morrison, Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.; and Eugene Lehrmann, American Association of Retired Persons, Madison, Wisconsin.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution requesting \$4,113,888 for operating expenses for the period from March 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and \$4,223,533 for the period from March 1, 1998 through February 28, 1999.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 105th Congress, and announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Children and Families: Senators Coats (Chairman), Gregg, Frist, Hutchinson, Collins,

McConnell, Jeffords, Dodd, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, Reed, and Kennedy.

Subcommittee on Aging: Senators Gregg (Chairman), Hutchinson, Warner, Jeffords, Mikulski, Murray, and Kennedy.

Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety: Senators Frist (Chairman), Jeffords, Coats, DeWine, Enzi,

Collins, Kennedy, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, and Reed.

Subcommittee on Employment and Training: Senators DeWine (Chairman), Jeffords, Enzi, Warner, McConnell, Wellstone, Kennedy, Dodd, and Harkin.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

Committee Meetings

TERM LIMITS—MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing regarding limiting terms of office for Members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Senator Thompson; Representatives McCollum, Dingell, Fowler, and Barton of Texas; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on improving language skills to increase education achievement, focusing on ebonics and related issues, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on Medicare reform proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending committee business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E113 in today's Record.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 1997

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider routine morning business.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, February 4: The House will meet in Joint Session with the Senate to receive the President's State of the Union Address.



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