

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1122 to ban partial-birth abortions

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2575–S2739

Measures Introduced: Thirty bills and nine resolutions, were introduced, as follows: S. 482–511, S.J. Res. 24, S. Con. Res. 14–18, and S. Res. 66–68.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 270, to grant the consent of Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

Report on the Legislative Activities of the Committee on Foreign Relations for the 104th Congress. (S. Rept. No. 105–8)

Report to accompany S. Res. 54, authorizing biennial expenditures by the committees of the Senate, which was agreed to on February 13, 1997. (S. Rept. No. 105–9)

Report to accompany S. 104, Nuclear Waste Policy Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–10)

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Measures Passed:

Mexico Decertification: Senate passed H.J. Res. 58, requiring the President to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the United States and Mexico to achieve results in combating the production of and trafficking in illicit drugs, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 35), Coverdell/Feinstein Amendment No. 25, in the nature of a substitute.

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Congressional Adjournment: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Commending the University of Florida: Senate agreed to S. Res. 66, commending the University of

Florida football team for winning the 1996 Division I collegiate football national championship.

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Commemorating Republican/Democratic Policy Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, authorize the printing of the History Manuscript of the Republican and Democratic Policy Committees in Commemoration of their 50th Anniversaries.

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National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 68, designating April 9, 1997, and April 9, 1998, as “National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day”.

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D.C. Inspector General Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 514, to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nuclear Waste Policy Act—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 104, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at 2:30 p.m.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Appointments:

Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, in accordance with Public Law 99–498, Section 1505(a)(1)(B)(ii), appointed Senator Campbell to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports

during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2002.

Theodore Francis Verheggen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring August 30, 2002.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—35)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m., until 12 noon, on Friday, March 21, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for agricultural research programs of the 1996 Farm Bill, after receiving testimony from Senator Burns; W. Bruce Crain, Executive Director, Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation, Department of Agriculture; Robert L. Thompson, Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, Morrilton, Arkansas; Joseph D. Coffey, Southern States Coopera-

tive, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching; Charles C. Brosius, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; Gregory N. Brown, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, on behalf of the National Association of Professional Forestry Schools and Colleges; and William Guyton, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory/Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co., Idaho Falls.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED NATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the United Nations, receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, United States Ambassador to the United Nations; and Princeton N. Lyman, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 8.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for energy and water development programs, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their activities from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, and Kenneth E. Baker, Acting Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, both of the Department of Energy; and Harold P. Smith, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Programs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international narcotics, crime and law enforcement activities, receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

CONRAIL MERGER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies held hearings to examine the impact of the sale of Conrail to CSX Corporation and Norfolk Southern on the United States