

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed S. 305, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Francis Albert "Frank" Sinatra—clearing the measure for the President.

The House passed H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 662–666. **Page S3799**

Volunteer Protection Act: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 543, to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

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

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 52), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S3782**

Third and fourth cloture motions were filed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, votes on these cloture motions could occur on Thursday, May 1, 1997. **Page S3797**

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Wednesday, April 30, 1997, with a second cloture vote to occur thereon.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—52). **Page S3782**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:23 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3808.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT REPEAL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 621, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and transfer residual regulatory authority from the Securities and Exchange Commission to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State public service commissions, receiving testimony from Senator Murkowski; Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission; Susan Tomasky, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Robert W. Gee, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Ronald J. Tanski, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, Buffalo, New York; Ferd. C. Meyer, Jr., Central and South West Corporation, Dallas, Texas; Les E. LoBaugh, Jr., Pacific Enterprises, Los Angeles, California; Mark N. Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, Washington, D.C.; and Larry A. Frimerman, Ohio Consumers' Counsel,