

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 1463, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Customs Service, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the International Trade Commission.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3977-S4041

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 697-708, S.J. Res. 30, and S. Res. 83-84. **Page S3998**

Measures Passed:

Suicide Prevention: Senate agreed to S. Res. 84, recognizing suicide as a national problem. **Pages S4047-48**

Supplemental Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of S. 672, making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S3979-81, S3983-93**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 56), Grams/Johnson Amendment No. 54, to facilitate recovery from the recent flooding across North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota by providing greater flexibility for depository institutions and their regulators. **Pages S3979, S3988-89**

Wellstone Amendment No. 57, to strike provisions clarifying the application of patent terms consistent with the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. **Pages S3979, S3989-90**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 58, to make certain funds available, under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, to victims of flooding and other natural disasters. **Pages S3979-80**

Stevens Amendment No. 60, of a technical nature. **Pages S3980-81**

Cochran Amendment No. 67, to make technical and clarifying changes. **Page S3988**

Stevens (for Reid), Amendment No. 143, to provide for dredging and snagging and clearing of the Truckee River, Nevada, and the San Joaquin River

channel, California, and the dredging of shoaling on the Chena River. **Page S3990**

Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 173, to make a technical correction to Public Law 104-204, VA/ HUD/Independent Agencies Appropriations, 1997, concerning EPA state grants. **Page S3993**

Stevens (for Bond) Amendment No. 174, to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to Bay City, Michigan, for environmental remediation. **Page S3993**

Pending:

Reid/Baucus Amendment No. 171, to substitute provisions waiving formal consultation requirements and "takings" liability under the Endangered Species Act for operating and repairing flood control projects damaged by flooding. **Pages S3990-92**

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

Stevens (for Ford/McConnell) Amendment No. 56, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to enter into a lease of property for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at Lexington Blue Grass Station, Lexington, Kentucky, agreed to on Monday, May 5, 1996, was modified by unanimous-consent. **Pages S3992-93**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, May 7, 1997, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Agreement with Hong Kong on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with Annex (Treaty Doc. 105-6); and

Agreement with Hong Kong for the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Treaty Doc. 105-7).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and

referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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

Transmitting the report on the national emergency caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-33).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James A. Harmon, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2001.

Jackie M. Clegg, of Utah, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2001.

Richard Sklar, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the Rank of Ambassador.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—56) Page S3989

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 7, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4041.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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 Russia and the New Independent States, receiving testimony from Richard L. Morningstar, Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the New Independent States, Department of State; and Thomas A. Dine, Assistant Administrator for Europe

and the New Independent States, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 15.

APPROPRIATIONS—JOINT COMMITTEES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Senator Warner, Chairman, Joint Committee on Printing; Representative Archer, Chairman, Joint Committee on Taxation; and Representative Saxton, Chairman, Joint Economic Committee.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 20.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 13.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues surrounding the shredding of certain Holocaust-era documents by the Union Bank of Switzerland, after receiving testimony from Israel Singer, World Jewish Congress, New York, New York; and Christophe Meili, Bern, Switzerland.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Elizabeth Anne Moler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs held hearings to examine issues with regard to Iran's acquisition of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and the United States response to countering Iranian efforts in acquiring such weapons, receiving testimony from Gary Bertsch, University of Georgia, Athens; Gary Milhollin, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control; and W. Seth Carus, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.