

Tuesday, May 13, 1997

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 5, to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4327–S4400

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 736 and 737. Page S4393

Family Friendly Workplace Act: Senate began consideration of S. 4, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and need of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, with a committee amendment, as modified. Pages S4327–54

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

A motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, May 15, 1997. Page S4350

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 717, to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S4354–57

Adopted:

Jeffords Amendment No. 242, to make technical corrections. Page S4355

Pending:

Gregg Amendment No. 241, to modify the provision relating to the authorization of appropriations for special education and related services to authorize specific amounts or appropriations. Pages S4354–76

Gorton Amendment No. 243, to permit State and local educational agencies to establish uniform disciplinary policies. Pages S4355–68

Smith Amendment No. 245, to require a court in making an award under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to take into consideration the impact the granting of the award would have on the education of all children of State educational agencies and local educational agencies. Pages S4368–71

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto, on Wednesday, May 14, 1997, with final disposition to occur thereon. Page S4400

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, on Wednesday, May 14, 1997. Page S4382

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, his reappointment of John C. Waugh, of Texas, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Page S4400

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, his appointment of C. John Sobotka, of Mississippi, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Page S4400

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

Transmitting a report concerning the national emergency with respect to Iran; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–34). Pages S4391–92

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4400.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COUNTERTERRORISM

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings in open and closed sessions to examine the Administration's counterterrorism policy, the threat of terrorism in the United States, and Federal efforts to prevent and combat terrorism in the United States, after receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, and Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and George J. Tenet, Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on environmental programs, receiving testimony from Robert M. Walker, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Logistics and Environment); Robert Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); and Rodney A. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment).

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 21.

APPROPRIATIONS—HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after receiving testimony from Andrew M.

Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

AIRLINE COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine issues with regard to maintaining competition in United States domestic airline service, focusing on how barriers to entry in the airline industry limit benefits of airline deregulation, receiving testimony from Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary, and Patrick Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, and Tim Hennigan, Assistant Director, both of the Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; John A. Edwardson, United Airlines, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; William A. Franke, America West Holdings Corporation, Phoenix, Arizona; Paul Stephen Dempsey, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of Frontier Airlines, Inc. and the Air Carrier Association of America; Duane Woerth, Air Line Pilots Association, International, Washington, D.C.; and H. Hugh Davis, Jr., and William H. Tittle, III, both of the Metropolitan Chattanooga Airport Authority, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, S. 416, to extend the expiration dates of existing authorities and enhance United States participation in the energy emergency program of the International Energy Agency, S. 186, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to purchases from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by entities in the insular areas of the United States, and S. 698, to authorize the Secretary of Energy, by lease or otherwise, to store in underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities petroleum products owned by foreign governments or their representatives, after receiving testimony from Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy; John P. Ferriter, Deputy Executive Director, International Energy Agency; William F. Martin, Washington Policy and Analysis, Inc., Washington, D.C., former Deputy Secretary of Energy; Kenneth W. Haley, Chevron Corporation, San Francisco, California; and George M. Yates, Harvey E. Yates Company, Roswell, New Mexico, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.