

Wednesday, May 14, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Senate Ratified the CFE Flank Document Agreement.

The House passed H.R. 2, the Housing Opportunity and Responsibility Act of 1997

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4401–S4505*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 738–744. Page S4479

**Measures Passed:**

*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act:* By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 66), Senate passed H.R. 5, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, clearing the measure for the President.

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Prior to this action, Senate completed consideration of S. 717, Senate companion measure, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Rejected:

Gorton Amendment No. 243, to permit State and local educational agencies to establish uniform disciplinary policies. (By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 64), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S4402–04

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. (By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 65), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

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 S4401–02

Subsequently, S. 717 was returned to the Senate calendar. Page S4413

*Use of Capitol Grounds:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol

grounds for the sixteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. Page S4418

*Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections:* Senate passed S. 670, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States. Page S4505

*Partial-Birth Abortion Ban:* Senate began consideration of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions. Pages S4431–51

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, May 15, 1997. Page S4451

*Resolution of Ratification/Flank Document Agreement-CFE Treaty:* The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages up to and including presentation of resolution of ratification, by a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 67), two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to with respect to the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE) of November 19, 1990, adopted at Vienna on May 31, 1996 (the "Flank Document") (Treaty Doc. 105–5), with 14 conditions. The Flank Document is Annex A of the Final Document of the first CFE Review Conference.

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

Adopted Kerry Amendment No. 279 (to condition No. 5), to require a compliance report on Armenia and other States Parties in the Caucasus region. Page S4459

**Messages From the House:**

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Amendments Submitted:	Pages S4491–96
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Additional Statements:	Pages S4497–S4505
Record Votes:	Four record votes were taken today. (Total—67) Pages S4404–05, S4411, S4475–76

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, May 15, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4505.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Services, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### COMMERCE MANAGEMENT REFORM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings to examine certain management and program areas in need of reform to improve efficiency and effectiveness at the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General, and Raymond G. Kammer, Jr., Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; and L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office.

### DOLPHIN CONSERVATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries held hearings on S. 39, to implement the Declaration of Panama, an agreement signed by the United States and certain other nations on October 4, 1995, to protect dolphins, tunas, and other species involved in the eastern tropical Pacific tuna fishery, receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Biden; Eileen B. Claussen, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; D.

James Baker, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; James Joseph, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, La Jolla, California; and Suzanne Iudicello, Center for Marine Conservation, and Jeffrey R. Pike, Dolphin Safe/Fair Trade Campaign, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Elizabeth Anne Moler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy;

S. 430, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; and

H.J. Res. 32, to consent to certain amendments enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee held hearings to examine the campaign finance system for Presidential elections, focusing on the growth of soft money and other effects on political parties and candidates, receiving testimony from former Senator McCarthy; Lamar Alexander Jr., former Secretary of Education; Larry J. Sabato, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Bradley A. Smith, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Cato Institute.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### SBA FINANCE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee resumed oversight hearings on the management of Small Business Administration finance programs, focusing on the 504 Development Company Loan Program and the Small Business Investment Company program, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Deryl K. Schuster, Business Loan Center, Wichita, Kansas, and Anthony R. Wilkinson, Stillwater, Oklahoma, both on behalf of the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc.

### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee resumed closed hearings on the nomination of George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence, where the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.