

Thursday, May 15, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 1469, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 1997.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4507-S4623

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 745-756, and S. Res. 86. **Page S4588**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, 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. (S. Rept. No. 105-18) **Page S4588**

Measures Passed:

Boys and Girls Clubs of America Facilities: Senate passed S. 476, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000. **Pages S4576-79**

Family Friendly Workplace Act: Senate resumed 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 modified committee amendment. **Pages S4508-15**

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

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 68), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. **Page S4514**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United

States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Rejected:

By 28 yeas to 72 nays (Vote No. 69), Feinstein Amendment No. 288, in the nature of a substitute.

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By 36 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 70), Daschle Amendment No. 289, in the nature of a substitute.

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Appointments:

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, appointed Senators Hatch, Shelby, and McCain as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group meeting to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 16-18, 1997. **Page S4620**

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

Transmitting, a report relative to the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Flank Document; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-35).

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Transmitting, a report relative to the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Flank Document; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-36).

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Transmitting the report on the national security strategy of the United States; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-37). **Page S4588**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Rodney W. Sippel, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S4622–23**

Messages From the President: **Pages S4586–88**

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Measures Referred: **Page S4588**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S4588–S4606**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total–70) **Pages S4514, S4537, S4575**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 9:23 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 16, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4620.)

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, focusing on programs to combat infectious diseases, receiving testimony from Nils Daulaire, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Global Program, Agency for International Development; Barry Bloom, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, New York; David Heymann, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland; John Sbarbaro, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver; and Gordon Douglas, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, May 20.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS PROPERTY RESTITUTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States and allied efforts to recover and restore gold and other assets belonging to victims of the Holocaust taken by Nazi Germany during World War II, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International

Trade; William Z. Slany, Historian, Department of State; Thomas G. Borer, Chief of the Swiss Foreign Ministry Task Force, Bern; Carl Henrik Sihver Liljegren, Ambassador of Sweden to the United States; Israel Singer, General Secretary of the World Jewish Congress, New York, New York; Rabbi Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, California; Tom Bower, British Broadcasting Corporation, London, England; and Rabbi Chaim Stauber, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of the World Council of Orthodox Communities.

1998 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee met to begin markup of an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

FCC SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 255, to provide for the reallocation and auction of a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to enhance law enforcement and public safety telecommunications, after receiving testimony from Representative Weldon; Bruce A. Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission; Howard Safir, New York Police Department, New York, New York; Mark Schwartz, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Ralph A. Haller, Fox Ridge Communications, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; Dale Hatfield, Hatfield Associates, Inc., Boulder, Colorado; Charles L. Jackson, Strategic Policy Research, Bethesda, Maryland.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the National Weather Service (NWS), focusing on the NWS's proposed staff reductions for fiscal year 1997 and related project cuts for fiscal year 1998, after receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Sarbanes; D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, and Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, both of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mayor James N. Mathias, Jr., Ocean City, Maryland; Richard E. Hallgren, American Meteorological Society, Washington, D.C.; William A. Wagner, Jr., Monroe County Emergency Management, Marathon, Florida; Ronald D. McPherson, Crofton, Maryland; and X. William Proenza, Colleyville, Texas;