

Wednesday, June 11, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 1757, Foreign Relations Authorization Act and European Security Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced as follows: S. 875–887. **Pages S5507–08**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–25)

H.R. 649, to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974. (S. Rept. No. 105–26) **Page S5507**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed Senator Murray as Vice Chair of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the 105th Congress. **Page S5549**

National Nutrition Monitoring Advisory Council: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–445, appointed Arlene M. Chamberlain, of South Dakota, to the National Monitoring Advisory Council. **Page S5549**

Motion to Adjourn: By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 99), Senate agreed to a motion to adjourn. **Page S5549**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2000.

Jane Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

David Andrews, of California, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.

Timberlake Foster, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal.

John C. Holzman, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Nancy Jo Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Amelia Ellen Shippy, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—99) **Page S5549**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 12, 1997.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Institutes of Health, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Harold Varmus, Director, and Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, and Earl Fox, Acting Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; F.E. Thompson, Jr., Mississippi State Department of Health, Jackson; Kim Williams, Biloxi, Mississippi; and Danyse Leon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee began markup of S. 450, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and related proposals, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: On Tuesday, June 10, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of S. 450, proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

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AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee of

S. 450, proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999.

ATM SURCHARGES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine the practice of surcharging by banks and thrifts with regard to automated teller machines used by individuals who do not hold accounts at the institutions owning the ATMs, and S. 885, to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines, receiving testimony from Thomas J. McCool, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division, and Lamont Kincaid, Evaluator-in-Charge, both of the General Accounting Office; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Washington, D.C.; and Kurt Helwig and Henry Polmer, both of the Electronic Funds Transfer Association, Herndon, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

OECD SHIPBUILDING AGREEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 629, to declare that the Congress approve the Agreement Respecting Normal Competitive Conditions in the Commercial Shipbuilding and Repair Industry (Shipbuilding Agreement), a reciprocal trade agreement resulting from negotiations under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, entered into on December 21, 1994, after receiving testimony from Thomas P. Jones, Jr., Atlantic Marine Holding Company, Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of the Shipbuilders Council of America; and Cindy Brown, American Shipbuilding Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 363, to extend the Electric and Magnetic Fields Research and Public Information Dissemination program through fiscal year 1998;

S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico;

S. 423, to extend the legislative authority through August 10, 2000 for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason;

S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site; and

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority through June 30, 2002 for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.