

Tuesday, July 8, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 2016, Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6955-S7034

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 991-997, and S. Con. Res. 36-37. **Page S6990**

DOD Authorizations: Senate continued consideration of S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S6960-70, S6974-89**

Adopted:

Thurmond Amendment No. 744, to extend the Chiropractic Health Care Demonstration Project for two years. **Pages S6975-76**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 648, to require a report on Department of Defense policies and programs to promote health lifestyles among members of the Armed Forces and their dependents. **Page S6976**

Thurmond (for Helms) Amendment No. 745, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to donate excess furniture, and other excess property, of closed Army chapels to religious organizations that have suffered damage or destruction of property as a result of acts of arson or terrorism. **Pages S6976-77**

Levin (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 649, to provide for increased administrative flexibility and efficiency in the management of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. **Pages S6977-78**

Thurmond (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 746, to require the procurement of recycled copier paper by the Department of Defense. **Page S6978**

Levin (for Harkin/Durbin) Amendment No. 747, to improve the provisions on depot, inventory, and financial management reform. **Pages S6978-79**

Thurmond (for Thompson/Glenn) Amendment No. 748, to streamline electronic commerce in Federal procurement. **Pages S6979-80**

Levin (for Graham) Amendment No. 749, to require the Secretary of Defense to review the command selection process for District Engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers. **Page S6980**

Thurmond (for Santorum/Lieberman) Amendment No. 750, to extend for two years the applicability of fulfillment standards developed for purposes of certain defense acquisition workforce training requirements. **Page S6980**

Levin (for Cleland) Amendment No. 712, to express the sense of Congress reaffirming the commitment of the United States to provide quality health care for military retirees. **Page S6980**

Levin (for Harkin/Kempthorne) Amendment No. 751, to require the Secretary of Defense to initiate actions to eliminate or mitigate the need for some military families to subsist at poverty level standards of living. **Pages S6980-81**

Pending:

Cochran/Durbin Amendment No. 420, to require a license to export computers with composite theoretical performance equal to or greater than 2,000 million theoretical operations per second. **Page S6960**

Grams Amendment No. 422 (to Amendment No. 420), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the availability and potential risks relating to the sale of certain computers. **Page S6960**

Coverdell (for Inhofe/Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 423, to define depot-level maintenance and repair, to limit contracting for depot-level maintenance and repair at installations approved for closure or realignment in 1995, and to modify authorities and requirements relating to the performance of core logistics functions. **Page S6960**

Lugar Modified Amendment No. 658, to increase (with offsets) the funding, and to improve the authority, for cooperative threat reduction programs and related Department of Energy programs.

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Gorton Amendment No. 645, to provide for the implementation of designated provider agreements for uniformed services treatment facilities.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 669, to provide funds for the bioassay testing of veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service.

Pages S6962–63

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 668, to require the Secretary of Defense to transfer \$400,000,000 to the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to provide funds for veterans' health care and other purposes.

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Cleland Amendment No. 712, to express the sense of Congress reaffirming the commitment of the United States to provide quality health care for military retirees.

Pages S6964–65, S6967

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 670, to require the Secretary of Defense to transfer \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture to provide funds for outreach and startup for the school breakfast program.

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Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 666, to provide for the transfer of funds for Federal Pell Grants.

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Gorton/Murray/Feinstein Amendment No. 424, to reestablish a selection process for donation of the USS Missouri.

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Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 753, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the options available to the Department of Defense for the disposal of chemical weapons and agents.

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Kyl Amendment No. 607, to impose a limitation on the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for destruction of chemical weapons.

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Kyl Amendment No. 605, to advise the President and Congress regarding the safety, security, and reliability of United States Nuclear weapons stockpile.

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

By 46 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 161), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill.

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A second motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, 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, July 10, 1997.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, July 9, 1997.

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

Extradition Treaty with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 105–10);

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 105–11); and

Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Poland (Treaty Doc. 105–12).

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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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Dale Kauzlarich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Communications:

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Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S6990–S7012

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—161)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, July 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7028.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the effects of potential electricity deregulation on rural America and the Rural Utilities Service electric loan program, after receiving testimony from Wally Beyer, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director,