

Wednesday, July 9, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 858, Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery and Economic Stability Act.

The House passed H.R. 1775, FY 1998 Intelligence Authorization Act.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; and the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7035–S7130

Measures Introduced: Two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 998–999 and S. Res. 106–107. Page S7116–17

Measures Passed:

Federal Surplus Property Transfer: Senate passed H.R. 680, to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to authorize the transfer of surplus personal property to States for donation to nonprofit providers of necessities to impoverished families and individuals, and to authorize the transfer of surplus real property to States, political subdivisions and instrumentalities of States, and nonprofit organizations for providing housing or housing assistance for low-income individuals or families, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S7128–29

Brownback (for Thompson/Glenn) Amendment No. 788, to provide that the Administrator of General Services shall ensure that nonprofit organizations shall consider the mental or physical disability of individuals for purposes of self-help requirements. Page S7129

National Gambling Impact Study Commission Protection: Senate passed H.R. 1901, to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, clearing the measure for the President. Page S7129

Records Production Authorization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 107, to authorize the production of

records by Senator Robert C. Byrd and Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. Page S7129

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 S7042–52, S7054–S7113

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 164), Dodd/McCain Amendment No. 765, to express the sense of the Congress in commending Mexico and the citizens of Mexico on the conduct of free and fair elections. Pages S7050–51, S7088

By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 165), Dorgan Amendment No. 771 (to Amendment No. 705), to require a report on the actual costs and savings attributable to previous base closure rounds and on the need for additional base closure rounds. Pages S7069–84, S7088–90

McCain Modified Amendment No. 705, to grant authority to carry out base closure or realignment of military installations after 1997, as amended. Pages S7056–84, S7088–90

Warner (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 644, to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons entered and recorded on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll. Page S7104

Levin (for Leahy/Jeffords) Amendment No. 596, to authorize funds for the construction of a combined

support maintenance shop, Camp Johnson, Colchester, Vermont. **Page S7104**

Warner (for Bond) Amendment No. 781, to authorize funds for the construction of an Army National Guard readiness center at Macon, Missouri. **Pages S7104-05**

Levin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 610, to authorize funds for the addition and alteration of an administrative facility at Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii. **Page S7105**

Warner (for Thurmond/Levin) Amendment No. 782, to make certain adjustments in the authorizations relating to military construction projects. **Page S7105**

Levin (for Bingaman/Domenici) Amendment No. 783, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into an agreement for the use of a medical resource facility in Alamogordo, New Mexico. **Pages S7105-06**

Warner (for Specter) Amendment No. 784, to require a report on the policies and practices of the Department of Defense relating to the protection of members of the Armed Forces abroad from terrorist attack. **Page S7106**

Warner (for Santorum/Specter) Amendment No. 785, to express the sense of the Congress regarding the transfer of the ground communication-electronic workload from McClellan Air Force Base, California, to Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the schedule provided for the realignment of the performance of such workload; and to prohibit privatization of the performance of that workload in place. **Page S7106**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 786, to make technical corrections. **Pages S7106-07**

Warner (for Chafee/Baucus) Amendment No. 706, to enhance fish and wildlife conservation and natural resources management programs under the Sikes Act. **Pages S7107-08**

Levin (for Robb) Modified Amendment No. 624, to require the Secretary of the Navy to carry out a program to demonstrate expanded use of multitechnology automated reader cards throughout the Navy and the Marine Corps. **Pages S7108-09**

Warner (for Craig) Amendment No. 631, to restore the garnishment and involuntary allotment provisions of title 5, United States Code, to the provisions as they were in effect before amendment by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996. **Page S7109**

Gorton Amendment No. 645, to provide for the implementation of designated provider agreements for uniformed services treatment facilities. **Page S7109**

Warner/Kennedy Amendment No. 787, to make technical corrections to section 123, relating to the cost limitation for the Seawolf submarine program. **Pages S7109-10**

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. **Pages S7042, S7110-11**

Rejected:

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. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 162), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7042, S7054-56, S7083-87**

By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 163), Gorton/Murray/Feinstein Amendment No. 424, to reestablish a selection process for donation of the U.S.S. *Missouri*. **Pages S7042, S7085-88**

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. **Pages S7042, S7098-S7103**

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 S7042**

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 S7042**

Wellstone Amendment No. 669, to provide funds for the bioassay testing of veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service. **Pages S7042, S7103**

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. **Page S7042**

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 666, to provide for the transfer of funds for Federal Pell Grants. **Page S7042**

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 Modified 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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Dodd Amendment No. 762, to establish a plan to provide appropriate health care to Persian Gulf veterans who suffer from a Gulf War illness.

Pages S7049-50

Dodd Amendment No. 763, to express the sense of the Congress in gratitude to Governor Chris Patten for his efforts to develop democracy in Hong Kong.

Pages S7051-52

Reid Amendment No. 772, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make available \$2,000,000 for the development and deployment of counter-landmine technologies.

Pages S7091-92

Levin Amendment No. 778, to revise the requirements for procurement of products of Federal Prison Industries to meet needs of Federal agencies.

Pages S7093-97, S7111-13

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 10, 1997, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

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

Extradition Treaty with France (Treaty Doc. 105-13);

Extradition Treaty with Poland (Treaty Doc. 105-14).

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 Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jamie Rappaport Clark, of Maryland, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

I. Miley Gonzales, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

August Scumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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Additional Statements: Pages S7127-28

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total-165) Pages S7087-88, S7090

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 9:07 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7129-30.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, and Lt. Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings in open and closed sessions on the aforementioned nominations, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMPREHENSIVE MORTGAGE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development held joint hearings to examine problems surrounding the mortgage origination process, the goals and objectives of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and the Truth In Lending Act, and the need for comprehensive mortgage reform legislation, receiving testimony from Janice M. Hix, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, McLean, Virginia; Ron McCord, American Mortgage and Investment Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America; Russell K. Booth,