

Thursday, July 10, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed George Tenet to be Director of Central Intelligence.

House appointed conferees on H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act.

House appointed conferees on H.R. 2014, Taxpayers Relief Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7131-S7226*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1000-1007, S. Con. Res. 38. **Page S7210**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 1004, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-44)

S. 1005, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105-45)

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (S. Rept. No. 105-46) **Page S7210**

**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 further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7131-S7205**

Adopted:

By 72 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 166), 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. **Pages S7131-43**

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, as amended. **Pages S7131-43**

Conrad Amendment No. 795, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to settle and pay claims by members of the Armed Forces for loss of personal property due to flooding in the Red River Basin. **Pages S7151-53**

By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 169), Gramm Modified Amendment No. 794 (to Amendment No. 778), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7150-51, S7160, S7163-69, S7183**

Levin Amendment No. 778, to revise the requirements for procurement of products of Federal Prison Industries to meet needs of Federal agencies. **Pages S7132, S7145-51, S7160, S7163-69, S7183**

Bingaman Amendment No. 647, relating to the participation of the national security activities of the Department of Energy in the Hispanic Outreach Initiative of the Department. **Page S7187**

Durbin Amendment No. 657, to provide for increased burdensharing by United States allies. **Page S7188**

Kerry Amendment No. 800, to express the sense of Congress regarding the restoration of peace in Cambodia. **Pages S7190-94**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 167), Murray Amendment No. 593, to repeal the restriction on use of Department of Defense facilities for abortions. **Pages S7153-60**

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. (By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7131, S7144-45, S7160-63, S7182**

Boxer Amendment No. 636, to make reimbursement of contractors for costs of excessive amounts of compensation for contractor personnel unallowable under Department of Defense contracts and other

contracts. (By 83 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 170), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

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.

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

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

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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 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 Modified 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.

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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.

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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.

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Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 799, to increase the funding for Navy and Air Force flying hours, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Space-Based Laser program in excess of the amount requested by the President.

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Feingold Amendment No. 759, to limit the use of funds for deployment of ground forces of the Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 30, 1998, or a date fixed by statute, whichever is later.

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Levin Modified Amendment No. 802 (to Amendment No. 759), to express the sense of Congress regarding a follow-on force for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto on Friday, July 11, 1997, with votes to occur thereon.

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

Extradition Treaty with Spain (Treaty Doc. 105–15).

The treaty was 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:

George John Tenet, of Maryland, to be Director of Central Intelligence.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Terry D. Garcia, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Kathleen M. Karpan, of Wyoming, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—170)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:36 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Friday, July 11, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7226.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE/ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1005) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

An original bill (S. 1004) making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the government of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., Linda W. Cropp, Acting Chairman, District of Columbia Council, and Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, all of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, July 16.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded oversight hearings to review information processing challenges of the Year 2000 for certain financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Larry Martin, Data Dimensions, Bellevue, Washington; David M. Iacino, Millennium Project/BankBoston, Boston, Massachusetts; Jeff Jinnett, LeBoeuf Computing Technologies/LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, New York, New York; and Alfred R. Berkeley III, Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc., Washington, D.C.

### YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation held hearings to review the preliminary findings of a General Accounting Office study on the health, condition, and viability of the range and wildlife populations in Yellowstone National Park, receiving testimony from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### GLOBAL WARMING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee held hearings to examine the causes, impacts, and uncertainties of global climate change, receiving testimony from Eric J. Barron, Pennsylvania State University, University Park; John R. Christy, University of Alabama, Huntsville; Richard S. Lindzen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dale W. Jorgenson, Harvard University, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Stephen H. Schneider, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Hearings continue on Thursday, July 17.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of 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, and Karl Frederick Inderfurth, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee continued to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving further testimony from Richard Sullivan, Perkins Coie, Washington, D.C., former Deputy Finance and Finance Director, Democratic National Committee.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 15.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katharine Sweeney Hayden, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Anthony W. Ishii, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Also, committee adopted the Subcommittee on Immigration rules of procedure concerning private immigration relief legislation for the 105th Congress.

Also, committee began mark up of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

### AUTHORIZATION—REHABILITATION ACT

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Subcommittee on Employment and Training concluded hearings