

Thursday, July 17, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1998.

House Committee ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 1998: Energy and Water Development; and Legislative Branch.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7623–S7741*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1026–1037, and S. Con. Res. 40–41. Page S7710

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998". (S. Rept. No. 105–50)

S. 1033, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–51)

H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–52)

S. 1034, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105–53)

S. 1032, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 with respect to the authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to issue insurance and extend financing.

S. Con. Res. 40, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua.

S. Con. Res. 41, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation on Cyprus. Pages S7708–09

**Measures Passed:**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1998:** By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 185), Senate passed S. 955,

making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7623–50

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 183), Bingaman Amendment No. 896, to provide for Cuban-American family humanitarian support and compassionate travel. Pages S7623–24, S7629

By 22 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 184), Hutchinson Amendment No. 890, to express the sense of the Senate that Most Favored Nations trade status for China should be revoked. Pages S7623–31

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

By unanimous-consent agreement, Amendment No. 915, agreed to on Wednesday, July 16, 1997, was modified. Pages S7632–33

**Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1998:** Senate passed S. 1023, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7652–69, S7689–S7704

Adopted:

Campbell Amendment No. 921, to establish regulations concerning the importation of certain fish, as amended. Pages S7653–58, S7691

Brownback Amendment No. 922 (to Amendment No. 921), to provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 1998. Page S7654

Campbell Amendment No. 923, of a technical nature. Pages S7658–59

Campbell Amendment No. 924, of a technical nature. Page S7659

Campbell (for Mikulski) Amendment No. 926, to exclude night differential pay from the prohibition of pay for hours not worked. **Page S7660**

By 83 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. 186), Feinstein Amendment No. 927, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast-cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps. **Pages S7661-67**

Thomas Modified Amendment No. 929, to limit the use of funds to provide for Federal agencies to furnish commercially available property or services to other Federal agencies. **Pages S7666, S7668-69**

Hatch Amendment No. 930, to establish the procedure for adjusting future compensation of justices and judges of the United States. **Page S7668**

Campbell (for Lott/Daschle) Amendment No. 931, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971. **Page S7669**

Kohl (for Daschle) Amendment No. 933, to clarify the limitation on undertaking a field support reorganization in Aberdeen, South Dakota. **Pages S7691-92**

Campbell (for Collins) Amendment No. 934, to reduce certain funding for the Office of Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and to prohibit the use of funds for the Inspector General for certain advisory and assistance services. **Page S7692**

Kohl Amendment No. 935, to provide funds for the Youth Gun Crime Initiative. **Page S7694**

Faircloth/Shelby Amendment No. 932, to remove computer games from government computers. **Pages S7694-95**

Campbell (for Abraham) Amendment No. 938, to provide for Members of Congress to voluntarily disclose participation in Federal retirement systems in the annual financial disclosure forms. **Page S7698**

Campbell Amendment No. 939, to provide disaster assistance to the County of Arapahoe, Colorado. **Pages S7698-99**

Pending:

Campbell (for DeWine) Amendment No. 936, to prohibit the use of funds to pay for an abortion or pay for the administrative expenses in connection with certain health plans that provide coverage for abortions. **Page S7694**

Kohl (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 937, to strike provisions prohibiting the use of appropriated funds for the sole source procurement of energy conservation measures. **Pages S7695-98**

Campbell (for Coverdell/Feinstein) Amendment No. 940, to provide that Federal employees convicted of certain bribery and drug-related crimes shall be separated from service. **Page S7699**

Campbell (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 941, to require a plan for the coordination and consolidation

of the counterdrug intelligence centers and activities of the United States. **Page S7699**

Campbell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 942, to provide for a national media campaign focused on preventing youth drug abuse. **Pages S7703-04**

Hutchison Amendment No. 943, to establish parity among the countries that are parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement with respect to the personal allowance for duty-free merchandise purchased abroad by returning residents. **Page S7704**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 1023 remain at the desk pending receipt of the House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1023, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the bill be passed, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, that the passage of S. 1023 be vitiated, and S. 1023 be indefinitely postponed. **Page S7669**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Monday, July 21, 1997, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon. **Page S7741**

**VA/HUD Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S.1034/H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 1997. **Page S7741**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 187 EX), Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S7669-88, S7741**

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 188 EX), Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Pages S7688-89, S7741**

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

Felix George Rohatyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to France. **Page S7741**

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<b>Record Votes:</b> Six record votes were taken today. (Total—188)	Pages S7629, S7631, S7634, S7688–89

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:25 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, July 21, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7741.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NORTHERN FOREST STEWARDSHIP ACT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded hearings on S. 546, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide technical assistance for sustainable forest management, assist in coordinating ecological and economic research and implementation of interstate and Northern Forest Lands Council policies, and provide technical and financial assistance for State conservation land planning and acquisition and rural community assistance, after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; John P. Cahill, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany; Brendan J. Whittaker, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Guildhall; Stephen W. Schley, Pingree Associates, Inc., Bangor, Maine, on behalf of the Maine Forest Products Council; John E. Sargent, Chichester, New Hampshire; and David W. Guernsey, Kingfield, Maine.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE/VA/ HUD/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

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

An original bill (S. 1033) making appropriations for agriculture programs, conservation programs, rural economic and community development, domestic food programs, foreign assistance and related programs, and the Food and Drug Administration for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998;

An original bill (S. 1034) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and

H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, with amendments.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AMTRAK

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), focusing on the calculation of "excess" railroad retirement payments, after receiving testimony from Steven A. Bartholow, Deputy General Counsel, and Frank Buzzi, Chief Actuary, both of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board; Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and Thomas M. Downs, President and Chairman, and Thomas J. Gillespie, Jr., Vice President, Government Affairs, both of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### AUTHORIZATION—EXPORT/IMPORT BANK

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Finance concluded hearings on S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, after receiving testimony from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, on behalf of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee; JayEtta Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Noor Doja, Minnesota Export Finance Authority, on behalf of the National Association of State Development Agencies and Minnesota Trade Office, and Richard P. Ferris, Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Gary W. Groom, Raytheon Engineers & Constructors International, Lexington, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; William M. Murray, Fuller Company, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Foreign Trade Council, Inc.; Ian Vasquez, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Edward F. Carter, Harza Engineering Company, Chicago, Illinois.