

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 2169, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

House committees ordered reported 27 sundry measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7879–S7985*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1054–1060 and S. Res. 109. Page S7950

**Measures Passed:**

***Condemning Canadian Fishermen's Blockade:*** By 81 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 195), Senate agreed to S. Res. 109, to express the sense of the Senate in condemning the Government of Canada for its failure to accept responsibility for the illegal blockade of a U.S. vessel in Canada, and calling on the President to take appropriate action. Pages S7911–12, S7919–20

***National Geologic Mapping Act:*** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 709, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S7983

***Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 1226, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the unauthorized inspection of tax returns or tax return information, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S7983–84

***OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 40, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua. Page S7984

***Cyprus Situation:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, calling for a United States initiative seeking a just and peaceful resolution of the situation in Cyprus. Pages S7984–85

**Agriculture Appropriations:** Senate began consideration of S. 1033, making appropriations for Agri-

culture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S7893–96, S7898–S7946

Adopted:

Cochran/Bumpers Amendment No. 962, to make technical corrections. Page S7898

Cochran (for D'Amato/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 963, to allow rural rental housing programs to continue providing multi-family housing developers with direct loans and loan guarantees to build or rehabilitate affordable rental housing. Pages S7898–99

Subsequently, the amendment was modified. Page S7912

Roberts Amendment No. 961, to withhold certain funds from the Risk Management Agency until the Administrator of the Agency issues and begins to implement a plan to reduce administrative and operating costs of approved insurance providers. Pages S7899–S7901

Cochran/Bumpers Amendment No. 964, to modify the conditions for issuance of cotton user marketing certificates. Page S7901

Grams Amendment No. 971, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to conduct, complete, and transmit to Congress a comprehensive economic evaluation of the direct and indirect effects of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. Pages S7935–36, S7941–42

Cochran (for Daschle) Amendment No. 973, to allow the use of proceeds from the sale of grain in the disaster reserve to implement the livestock indemnity program. Pages S7945–46

Cochran (for Grams/Wellstone) Amendment No. 974, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to administer the provision of contract payments to a producer for contract acreage on which wild rice is

planted unless the contract payment is reduced by an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice.

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Cochran (for Craig) Amendment No. 975, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to inspect or certify agricultural products unless the Secretary of Agriculture inspects and certifies agricultural processing equipment, and imposes a fee for the inspection and certification, in a manner that is similar to the inspection and certification of agricultural products.

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Cochran (for DeWine) Amendment No. 976, to require the United States Agency for International Development to use at least the same amount of funds made available under title II of Public Law 480 to carry out the orphan feeding program in Haiti during fiscal year 1998 as was used by the Agency to carry out the program during fiscal year 1997.

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Rejected:

Durbin Amendment No. 965, to prohibit the use of funds to provide or pay the salaries of personnel who provide crop insurance or noninsured crop disaster assistance for tobacco for the 1998 or later crop years. (By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 196), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S7902–10, S7920

Ford Amendment No. 966 (to Amendment No. 965), to limit Federal crop insurance to family farmers. (The amendment fell when Amendment No. 965, listed above, was tabled.)

Pages S7908–10, S7920

Harkin Amendment No. 968, to provide funding for tobacco and nicotine enforcement activities of the Food and Drug Administration. (By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 198), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Helms Modified Amendment No. 969 (to Amendment No. 968), to impose an assessment on ethanol manufacturers. (By 76 to 24 nays (Vote No. 197), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S7916–24

Bryan Amendment No. 970, to limit funding for the market access program. (By 59 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 199), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 972, to provide funds for outreach and startup of the school breakfast program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, with final passage of the bill to occur on Thursday, July 24, 1998.

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**International Dolphin Conservation Program Act—Cloture Motion Filed:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 39, to amend the Marine Mam-

mal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean 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 Friday, July 25, 1997.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn.

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

William F. Weld, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Mexico.

Rita D. Hayes, of South Carolina, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on Calendar:**

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**Petitions:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Text of H.R. 2158 as Previously Passed:**

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—199)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, July 24, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7985.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, I. Miley Gonzalez, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and August Schumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the