

Wednesday, July 30, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Transportation Appropriations, 1998.

House agreed to the Conference report on H.R. 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of FY 1998.

Committee of Conference filed the Conference report on H.R. 2014, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (H. Rept. 105-220).

House Committees ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2261, Small Business Assistance Programs Reauthorization Amendments Act of 1997; and H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8287-S8384*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1087-1093, S. Res. 110, and S. Con. Res. 46. **Pages S8360-61**

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

S. 910, to authorize appropriations for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-59)

H.R. 1198, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the City of Grants Pass, Oregon.

H.R. 1944, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in the State of Oregon.

S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust.

S. 1082, to authorize appropriations to pay for United States contributions to certain international financial institutions.

S. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress that the German Government should expand and simplify its reparations system, provide reparations to Holocaust survivors in Eastern and Central Europe, and set up a fund to help cover the medical expenses of Holocaust survivors.

S. Con. Res. 45, commending Dr. Hans Blix for his distinguished service as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on the occasion of his retirement.

S. Con. Res. 46, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the terrorist bombing in the Jerusalem market on July 30, 1997. **Pages S8367-68**

**Measures Passed:**

**International Dolphin Conservation Program Act:** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 207), Senate passed S. 39, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S8294-S8311**

Snowe Amendment No. 1045, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8303**

**International Dolphin Conservation Program Act:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 408, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 39, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate. **Page S8312**

**Transportation Appropriations, 1998:** By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 208), Senate passed H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, as amended.

**Pages S8311-12**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Shelby, Domenici, Specter, Bond, Gorton, Bennett, Faircloth, Stevens, Lautenberg, Byrd, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, and Murray. **Page S8312**

Subsequently, pursuant to the order of July 28, 1997, S. 1048, Senate companion measure, was placed on the Senate Calendar. **Page S8185**

***Need-Based Educational Aid Antitrust Protection Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 1866, to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S8383**

Santorum (for DeWine/Kohl) Amendment No. 1046, to limit the application of an exemption of antitrust laws relating to need-based educational aid and to extend the period of applicability of that exemption. **Page S8383**

***Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:*** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 98, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check. **Page S8383**

**Budget Reconciliation Conference Report:** Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998. **Pages S8314–55**

A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, July 31, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S8383**

**Energy and Water/Transportation Appropriations—Additional Conferee:** Senator Inouye was added as a conferee to H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page S8383**

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

Extradition Treaty with Argentina (Treaty Doc. 105–18); and

Extradition Treaty with Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Treaty Doc. 105–19).

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. **Pages S8382–83**

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

Susan Graber, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Peter L. Scher, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator.

Mary Anne Sullivan, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

Ela Yazzie-King, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1999.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

**Page S8384**

**Messages From the House:**

**Page S8357**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:**

**Page S8357**

**Communications:**

**Pages S8357–58**

**Executive Reports of Committees:**

**Pages S8358–60**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

**Pages S8361–67**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Page S8367**

**Amendments Submitted:**

**Pages S8368–73**

**Authority for Committees:**

**Page S8373**

**Additional Statements:**

**Pages S8373–82**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—208) **Pages S8306, S8312**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8383.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

***Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:*** Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs; and

The nominations of August Schumacher Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, I. Miley Gonzalez, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under