

Tuesday, September 2, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1140 and 1141 and S. Res. 117. Page S8668

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Tuesday, August 19, during the adjournment:

S. 1139, to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration. (S. Rept. No. 105–62)

Special Report entitled “Legislative Oversight Activities During the 104th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 105–63)

Reported today:

S. 308, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain land within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–64)

S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *FAR HORIZONS*. (S. Rept. No. 105–65)

S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *VORTICE*, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–66)

S. 880, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *DUSKEN IV*, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–67)

S. 931, to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. (S. Rept. No. 105–68)

S. 965, to amend title II of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996 to extend an authorization contained therein. (S. Rept. No. 105–69)

H.R. 63, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as “Trinity Lake”. (S. Rept. No. 105–70)

Report to accompany S. 871, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, and to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust. (S. Rept. No. 105–71)

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Measures Passed:

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 117, congratulating the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and commending the many men and women of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service who have served the Nation’s labor-management community and the American people. Page S8674

Passage Vitiating:

International Dolphin Conservation Program: Senate vitiated passage of S. 39, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to support the International Dolphin Conservation Program in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, as passed by the Senate on Wednesday, July 30, 1997, and the bill was indefinitely postponed. Page S8674

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: Senate began consideration of S. 1061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 1056, to increase funding for Federal Pell Grants, with an offset from fiscal year 1998 funding for low-income home energy assistance. Pages S8646–48, S8650–51

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 3, 1997.

Agriculture Appropriations, 1998: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, 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:

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Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 1057, to provide funding for activities of the Food and Drug Administration relating to the prevention of tobacco use by youth.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 3, 1997.

Executive Report of a Committee: The Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Received on Tuesday, August 19, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate: Treaty Doc. No. 105–3, U.S.-Hong Kong Extradition Treaty, with two understandings, two declarations, and one proviso. (Ex. Rept. No. 105–2)

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Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Senators Burns, Campbell, Snowe, and Abraham.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Received on Monday, August 11, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate:

Transmitting the report concerning the cancellation of limited tax benefits; which was referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 93–344 as amended, to the Committee on the Budget and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–60).

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Transmitting the report concerning new direct spending; which was referred jointly, pursuant to Public Law 93–344 as amended, to the Committee on the Budget and to the Committee on Finance. (PM–61).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Richard F. Keevey, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Eva M. Plaza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

F. Amanda DeBusk, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

John Arthur Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

William Clyburn, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2000.

Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy).

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation).

Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

Margaret Ann Hamburg, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Scott E. Thomas, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2003.

Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term expiring July 29, 2002.

Cheryl F. Halpern, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 1999.

Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Paula Dobriansky, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission of Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1998.

Thomas J. Dodd, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Nancy H. Rubin, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo.

Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Jacques Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Hiram Arthur Conteras, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas.

Douglas S. Eakeley, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, USAF, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Charles N. Jeffress, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

G. Douglas Jones, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama.

Patricia Watkins Lattimore, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be the Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Kenneth Ray McFerran, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas.

Charles Vincent Serio, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Johnny Young, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

Anita M. Josey, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

John M. Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Jane G. Gould, of New York, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security.

Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Tadd Johnson, of Minnesota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Gail W. Laster, of New York, to be General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Jeanette C. Takamura, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Julia Taft, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Kirk K. Robertson, of Virginia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

17 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 4:16 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 3, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8674-75.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.