

Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture Appropriations, 1998.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8677–S8764

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1142–1146, and S. Res. 118. Page S8723

Measures Passed:

Agriculture Appropriations, 1998: Senate passed 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, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1033, Senate companion measure, as passed the Senate on Thursday, July 24, 1997, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S8677–82

Adopted:

Harkin Amendment No. 1057, to provide funding for activities of the Food and Drug Administration relating to the prevention of tobacco use by youth. (By 28 yeas to 70 nays (Vote No. 212), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S8677–82

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Stevens, Bumpers, Harkin, Kohl, Byrd, Leahy, and Inouye. Page S8682

National Day of Recognition: Senate agreed to S. Res. 118, expressing the condolences on the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and designating September 6, 1997, as a “National Day of Recognition for the Humanitarian Efforts of Diana, Princess of Wales.” Pages S8710, S8743–44

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: Senate continued 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:

Pages S8685–S8720

Adopted:

Ashcroft Amendment No. 1061, to provide for limitations with respect to expenditures for abortions. Pages S8689–91

Dorgan Amendment No. 1068, to increase the funding for heart and stroke research by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health. Pages S8695–97

Specter Amendment No. 1072, to fund demonstration projects on Medicaid attendant care services, within amounts available. Pages S8701–02

Coats/Frist Amendment No. 1075, to provide for the conduct of a comprehensive, independent study of National Institutes of Health research priority setting. Pages S8715–16

By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 214), Wellstone/McCain Modified Amendment No. 1074, to provide for the establishment of a program for research and training with respect to Parkinson’s disease. Pages S8711–15, S8720

Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 213), 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 S8685–89, S8693–94, S8707–11, S8720

Pending:

Gregg Amendment No. 1070, to prohibit the use of funds for national testing in reading and mathematics, with certain exceptions. Pages S8697–S8702

Coats/Gregg Amendment No. 1071 (to Amendment No. 1070), to prohibit the development, planning, implementation, or administration of any national testing program in reading or mathematics unless the program is specifically authorized by Federal statute. Pages S8699–S8702

Specter Amendment No. 1069, to express the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General has

abused her discretion by failing to appoint an independent counsel on campaign finance matters and that the Attorney General should proceed to appoint such an independent counsel immediately.

Pages S8702-07

Coats/Nickles Amendment No. 1077, to prohibit the use of funds for research that utilizes human fetal tissue, cells, or organs that are obtained from a living or dead embryo or fetus during or after an induced abortion.

Pages S8719-20

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 4, 1997.

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products 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, September 5, 1997.

Pages S8720-21

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

Page S8721

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties: Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with Trinidad and Tobago (Treaty Doc. 105-22);

Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with Barbados (Treaty Doc. 105-23);

Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada and St. Lucia (Treaty Doc. 105-24);

Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters with related Optional Protocol (Treaty Doc. 105-25).

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 S8744-45

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Tom McDonald, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Edward E. Shumaker, III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

35 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Pages S8746-64

Measures Referred:

Page S8723

Communications:

Page S8723

Statements on Introduced Bills:

Pages S8723-32

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages S8732-33

Amendments Submitted:

Pages S8733-36

Notices of Hearings:

Page S8736

Authority for Committees:

Pages S8736-37

Additional Statements:

Pages S8737-39

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—214)

Pages S8682, S8710-11, S8720

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 4, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8745.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNION VIOLENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 230, to revise certain provisions of the Hobbs Act of 1946 to close a loophole which exempts unions engaged in serious violence from existing federal prohibitions and penalties that apply to everyone other than labor unions in the United States, after receiving testimony from Edwin Meese III, former Attorney General, Department of Justice; Reed Larson, National Right to Work Committee, Springfield, Virginia; Michael H. Gottesman, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.; Julius Getman, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Shucheng K. Huang, Winchester, Virginia; Glen Dale Yeatts, Pasadena, California; and John Benevento, Hamden, Connecticut.

ENCRYPTION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings on the impact of encryption technology on public safety and law enforcement, focusing on the security needs of business and industry and the use of encryption by organized crime and terrorists, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Dorothy E. Denning, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; William E. Baugh, Jr., Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia; Jeffrey A. Herig, Florida