

Thursday, September 4, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2159, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8765-S8836

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1147-1149, and S. Con. Res. 50. Page S8823

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 261, to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-72).

H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope. Page S8823

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 S8772-82, S8785-90, S8792-S8817, S8819

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 216), D'Amato Modified Amendment No. 1079, to increase the amounts made available to carry out title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Pages S8785-86, S8792-93

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 215), 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 S8772-78, S8780-81

Kennedy Amendment No. 1082 (to Amendment No. 1081), of a perfecting nature. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 217), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S8789-90, S8794-S8805

Pending:

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

Pages S8779-80, S8793-94

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.

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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.

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Nickles/Jeffords Amendment No. 1081, to limit the use of taxpayer funds for any future International Brotherhood of Teamsters leadership election.

Pages S8788-90, S8794-S8817

Craig Amendment No. 1083 (to Amendment No. 1081), in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S8805-17

Withdrawn:

Lieberman/Coats Amendment No. 1080, to increase funding for the Public Charter Schools Program under Part C of Title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Pages S8786-88

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, and that following disposition of the amendments, the Senate vote on final passage of S. 1061 and that the Senate-passed bill remain at the desk. Further, that when the Senate receives H.R. 2264, the House companion measure, all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 1061 be inserted in lieu thereof, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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FDA Modernization and Accountability Act—Cloture Vote Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a cloture vote 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, to occur at 9:50 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 1997, and that if cloture is invoked, there be up to 8 hours for debate on Friday and 4 hours for debate on Monday, equally divided. **Page S8821**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Monday, September 8, 1997. **Page S8821**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S8821**

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

Transmitting a report of the activities of the U.S. Government in the United Nations for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-62). **Page S8822**

Transmitting the annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-63). **Page S8822**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 218 EX), Henry Harold Kennedy, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. **Pages S8818-21, S8836**

By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 219 EX), Frank M. Hull, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Pages S8818-21, S8836**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Dale A. Kimball, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Edward F. Shea, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

R. Roger Majak, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Raymond G. Kammer, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service and Public Health Service. **Page S8836**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total-219) **Pages S8781, S8793, S8805, S8818-19**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 5, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8836.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RURAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the availability of credit in rural America, focusing on the performance of rural financial markets and the safety and soundness of the Farm Credit System, after receiving testimony from Marsha Pyle Martin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, and Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; David Hemingway, Member of the Board of Directors, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation; Mark Drabenstott, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri; Mark A. Edelman, Iowa State University, Ames; Dennis Everson, First Dakota National Bank, Yankton, South Dakota, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Terry Jorde, Towner County State Bank, Cando, North Dakota, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; and Jerold L. Harris, Farm Credit Bank of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of the Farm Credit Council.

NATIONAL EDUCATION TESTING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the Administration's proposed initiative to develop voluntary national standards to measure academic achievement in reading and mathematics, after receiving testimony from