

Friday, September 5, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1150 and 1151. Page S8870

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs. (S. Rept. No. 105-73) Page S8870

Measures Passed:

Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1998: Pursuant to the consent agreement of July 16, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2159, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related 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. 955, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 17, 1997. Further, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators McConnell, Specter, Gregg, Shelby, Bennett, Campbell, Stevens, Cochran, Leahy, Inouye, Lautenberg, Harkin, Mikulski, Murray, and Byrd. Page S8869

Subsequently, Senate vitiated passage of S. 955, and the bill was indefinitely postponed. Page S8869

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate began consideration of 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. Pages S8837-69

Also, by 89 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 220), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. Pages S8839-40

Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Monday, September 8, 1997.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: Robert Charles Chambers, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. Page S8875

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total-220) Pages S8839-40

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:38 p.m., until 11 a.m., Monday, September 8, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8876.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from David Strauss, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Vice President Gore; and former Mayor Michael L. Mitoma, Carson, California.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 9.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Marjorie O. Rendell, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, A. Richard Caputo, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Bruce C. Kauffman, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Richard A. Lazzara, to be United

States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, after the nominees testified and answered ques-

tions in their own behalf. Mr. Lazzara was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2411–2424; 2 private bills, H.R. 2425–2426; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 146–147, and H. Res. 221–222 were introduced. **Page H6962**

Reports Filed: The following report was filed today: H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, amended (H. Rept. 105–245); **Page H6962**

Motion to Adjourn: By a yea and nay vote of 44 yeas to 339 nays, Roll No. 366, rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn. **Pages H6924–25**

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on September 4. **Pages H6925–48**

Rejected:

The McIntosh amendment that sought to increase funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act by \$4.3 million and reduce Employment Standards Administration Salaries and Expenses funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 367); **Pages H6925–40**

Withdrawn:

The Riggs amendment that sought to increase funding for Older Americans Act programs by \$19.6 million and reduce Bureau of Labor Statistics salaries and expenses funding by \$9.8 million and reduce HHS general departmental management funding by \$9.8 million. **Pages H6940–41**

Pending amendment:

The Blunt amendment was offered that seeks to increase vocational and adult education funding by \$11.2 million and reduce OSHA funding accordingly. **Pages H6941–48**

The bill is being considered pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 31. **Pages H6667–69**

Defense Authorization Act Motion to Instruct Conferees: By a recorded vote of 261 yeas to 150

noes, Roll No. 368, agreed to the Traficant motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to insist upon the provisions of section 1032 of the House bill relating to the assignment of Department of Defense personnel to Border Patrol and Control. The motion was debated on September 4. **Page H6948**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Sherman wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H6949**

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 221 electing Representative Sherman to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. **Page H6949**

Terrorist Bombing in Jerusalem: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 146, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the terrorist bombing in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997. **Pages H6949–54**

In Honor of Mother Teresa: The House stood for a moment of silence in honor of Mother Teresa. **Page H6949**

Legislative Program: The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of September 8. **Page H6949**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8 for morning hour debate. **Page H6954**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 10. **Page H6954**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6963.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6925, H6939–40, and H6948. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:31 p.m.