

Monday, September 8, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8877-S8935

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1152-1153, and S. Con. Res. 51. **Page S8925**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998". (S. Rept. No. 105-74) **Page S8925**

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate resumed 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 S8878-98**

Senate will begin consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 9, 1997.

Labor/HHS Appropriations, 1998: Senate resumed 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: **Page S8898**

Adopted:

By 84 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 221), Reed/Collins Amendment No. 1096, to provide funding for State Student Incentive grants. **Pages S8905-08, S8910**

Reid/Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1094, to provide for the conduct of a study concerning the health and safety effects of perchlorate on human beings. **Pages S8903-05, S8909-10, S8917**

Specter (for Chafee) Amendment No. 1099, to provide additional funding for the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and the Physician Payment Review Commission. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Coverdell) Amendment No. 1100, to provide training and technical assistance regarding incidents of elementary and secondary school violence, and to provide for pilot student safety toll-free

hotlines for elementary and secondary school students. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1101, to provide a comprehensive program for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 1102, to require that the Secretary of Education certify the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Education for students and teachers. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1103, to require the Secretary of Education to conduct a study regarding the costs of the anticipated increase in enrollments of secondary school students during the period 1998 through 2008, and the creation of smaller class sizes for students enrolled in grades 1 through 3. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Hollings) Amendment No. 1104, to increase funding for the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 1105, to make funds available for conducting a disability return to work demonstration initiative. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter Amendment No. 1106, to provide for additional Supplemental Security Income continuing disability reviews as authorized by cap adjustment legislation. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Warner/Kennedy) Amendment No. 1107, to provide funds for the Millennium 200 project. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter (for Harkin) Amendment No. 1108, to provide authority to use fees collected for provider requested audits to cover the cost of such audits. **Pages S8910-14**

Harkin Amendment No. 1112, to increase funds for education infrastructure. **Pages S8914-15**

Harkin Amendment No. 1113, to expand efforts to combat Medicare waste, fraud and abuse. **Page S8915**

Harkin (for Graham/Kennedy/Abraham) Amendment No. 1114, to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. **Pages S8915-16**

Pending:

Gregg Amendment No. 1070, to prohibit the use of funds for national testing in reading and mathematics, with certain exceptions. **Page S8898**

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. **Page S8898**

Nickles/Jeffords Amendment No. 1081, to limit the use of taxpayer funds for any future International Brotherhood of Teamsters leadership election. **Page S8898**

Craig/Jeffords Amendment No. 1083 (to Amendment No. 1081), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8898**

Durbin/Collins Amendment No. 1078, to repeal the tobacco industry settlement credit contained in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. **Page S8917**

Durbin Amendment No. 1085, to provide for the conduct of a study concerning efforts to improve organ and tissue procurement at hospitals, and require a report to Congress on the study.

Durbin (for Levin) Amendment No. 1086, to express the sense of the Senate that hospitals that have significant donor potential shall take reasonable steps to assure a skilled and sensitive request for organ donation to eligible families.

Mack/Graham Amendment No. 1090, to increase the appropriations for the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Fine Arts Center. **Page S8900**

McCain/Gramm Amendment No. 1091, to eliminate Medicare incentive payments under plans for voluntary reduction in the number of residents. **Pages S8901-02**

McCain/Kerry Amendment No. 1092, to ensure that payments to certain persons captured and interned by North Vietnam are not considered income or resources in determining eligibility for, or the amount of benefits under, a program or State plan under title XVI or XIX of the Social Security Act. **Pages S8902-03**

Craig/Bingaman Amendment No. 1093, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to adjust the maximum hour exemption for agricultural employees. **Page S8903**

Landrieu Amendment No. 1095, to increase funds to promote adoption opportunities. **Pages S8904-05**

Coverdell Amendment No. 1097, to enhance food safety for children through preventative research and medical treatment. **Pages S8908-09**

Coverdell Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8908-09**

Specter (for Nickles) Amendment No. 1109, to require that estimates of certain employer contributions be included in an individual's social security account statement. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter Amendment No. 1110, to reduce unemployment insurance service administrative expenses to offset costs of administering a welfare-to-work jobs initiative. **Pages S8910-14**

Specter Amendment No. 1111, to provide start-up funding for the National Bi-partisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. **Pages S8910-14**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1087, to increase funding for the Head Start Act. **Page S8916**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1088, to increase funding for Federal Pell Grants. **Page S8916**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1089, to increase funding for the Education Infrastructure Act of 1994. **Page S8916**

Harkin/Bingaman/Kennedy Amendment No. 1115, to authorize the National Assessment Governing Board to develop policy for voluntary national tests in reading and mathematics. **Pages S8916-17**

Harkin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1116, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Federal Pell Grants and a child literacy initiative. **Page S8917**

Ford Amendment No. 1117 (to Amendment No. 1078), to express the sense of the Senate on compensation for tobacco growers as part of legislation on the national tobacco settlement. **Pages S8917-18**

Murray/Wellstone Amendment No. 1118, to clarify the family violence option under temporary assistance to needy families program. **Page S8918**

Murray Amendment No. 1119, to provide funding for the National Institute for Literacy. **Page S8918**

Harkin (for Bennett) Amendment No. 1120, to award a grant to a State educational agency to help pay the expenses associated with exchanging State school trust lands within the boundaries of a national monument for Federal lands outside the boundaries of the monument. **Pages S8918-19**

Ford (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 1121, to exempt States that were overpaid mandatory funds for fiscal year 1997 under the general entitlement formula for child care funding from any payment adjustment. **Page S8920**

Domenici (for Gorton) Amendment No. 1122, to provide certain education funding directly to local educational agencies. **Pages S8920-23**

Gorton Modified Amendment No. 1076, to allow States to use funds received under title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide health insurance coverage for children with incomes above the minimum Medicaid eligibility requirements. **Pages S8923-24**

Withdrawn:

Wellstone Amendment No. 1087, to increase funding for the Head Start Act. **Pages S8898-S8900**

Wellstone Amendment No. 1088, to increase funding for Federal Pell Grants. **Pages S8898-S8900**

Wellstone Amendment No. 1089, to increase funding for the Education Infrastructure Act of 1994. **Pages S8898–S8900**

Ford Amendment No. 1058, to prohibit the use of funds to enforce certain Clean Air Act requirements with respect to distilled spirits. **Page S8920**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, September 9, 1997.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lynn S. Adelman, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Jeremy D. Fogel, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia.

Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. **Page S8935**

Messages From the House: **Page S8925**

Measures Referred: **Page S8925**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S8927–32**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S8932–35**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—221) **Page S8910**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8935.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC SCHOOL REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on the current condition of the District of Columbia school system, and S. 847, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2002 to provide scholarship assistance for certain District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students, after receiving testimony from Representative Armeiy; and Julius W. Becton, Jr., Chief Executive Officer-Superintendent, and Bruce K. MacLaury, Chairman, Emergency Transitional Education Board of Trustees, both of the District of Columbia Public Schools, Jeanne Allen, Center for Education Reform, Nina Shokraii, Heritage Foundation, and Kent B. Amos, Urban Family Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on S. 222, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies, after receiving testimony from Tom Hebert, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Conservation; North Dakota Governor Edward T. Schafer, Bismarck, on behalf of the Western Governors' Association; Jennifer A. Salisbury, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Santa Fe; John Hofmann, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and Robert C. Brown, Farm Credit Bank of Texas, on behalf of the Farm Credit Council, both of Austin; and John Van Sweden, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, Las Cruces, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation.