

Tuesday, September 9, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8937-S9031

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1154-1157, and S. Res. 119-120. Page S9018

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105-75). Page S9018

Measures Passed:

Recognition of Mother Teresa: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 222), Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, expressing the Sense of the Senate on the occasion of the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and designating September 13, 1997 as a National Day of Recognition for the humanitarian efforts of Mother Teresa. Pages S8952-58

SBA Authorization: Senate passed S. 1139, to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S8971-89

Bond/Kerry Amendment No. 1124, to provide certain technical assistance to the Small Business Administration, and to define bundled contract. Pages S8971-77

Conferring Veteran Status to Bob Hope: Senate passed H.J. Res. 75, to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope, clearing the measure for the President. Page S9030

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:

Pages S8945-52, S8958-71, S8989-S9013

Adopted:

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. Pages S8945, S8961-62

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. Pages S8945, S8961-63

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 S8945, S8961

Craig/Bingaman Amendment No. 1093, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to adjust the maximum hour exemption for agricultural employees. Pages S8945, S8961, S8963-64

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 S8945, S8961, S8963

Murray Amendment No. 1119, to provide funding for the National Institute for Literacy. Pages S8946, S8961

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 S8946, S8961, S8964-65

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. Pages S8946, S8961

Specter Amendment No. 1111, to provide start-up funding for the National Bi-partisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. Pages S8945, S8965

Harkin Amendment No. 1123 (to Amendment No. 1111), to assure the Medicare Commission examines the role of medical research and long-term care in the future of Medicare. **Page S8965**

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 S8946, S9001-02**

Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 1095, to increase funds to promote adoption opportunities. **Pages S8945, S9011**

Withdrawn:

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 S8946, S8951-52, S8990-93**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1088, to increase funding for Federal Pell Grants. **Page S8945**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1089, to increase funding for the Education Infrastructure Act of 1994. **Page S8945**

Pending:

Gregg Amendment No. 1070, to prohibit the use of funds for national testing in reading and mathematics, with certain exceptions. **Page S8945**

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 S8971**

Nickles/Jeffords Amendment No. 1081, to limit the use of taxpayer funds for any future International Brotherhood of Teamsters leadership election. **Page S8945**

Craig/Jeffords Amendment No. 1083 (to Amendment No. 1081), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8945**

Durbin/Collins Amendment No. 1078, to repeal the tobacco industry settlement credit contained in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. **Pages S8945, S8995-98**

Mack/Graham Amendment No. 1090, to increase the appropriations for the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial Fine Arts Center. **Page S8945**

Coverdell Amendment No. 1097, to enhance food safety for children through preventative research and medical treatment. **Page S8945**

Coverdell Amendment No. 1098 (to Amendment No. 1097), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8945**

Specter Amendment No. 1110, to reduce unemployment insurance service administrative expenses

to offset costs of administering a welfare-to-work jobs initiative. **Page S8945**

Harkin (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 1087, to increase funding for the Head Start Act. **Page S8945**

Harkin/Bingaman/Kennedy Amendment No. 1115, to authorize the National Assessment Governing Board to develop policy for voluntary national tests in reading and mathematics. **Page S8945**

Harkin (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1116, to express the sense of the Senate regarding Federal Pell Grants and a child literacy initiative. **Page S8946**

Murray/Wellstone Amendment No. 1118, to clarify the family violence option under temporary assistance to needy families program. **Page S8946**

Domenici (for Gorton) Modified Amendment No. 1122, to provide certain education funding directly to local educational agencies. **Pages S8946-50, S9012-13**

Sessions Modified Amendment No. 1125 (to Amendment No. 1078), to provide for certain limitations on attorneys' fees under any global tobacco settlement and for increased funding for children's health research. **Pages S9002-12**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 45 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 223), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of McCain/Gramm Amendment No. 1091, to eliminate Medicare incentive payments under plans for voluntary reduction in the number of residents. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S8945, S8950-51, S8958-61, S8965-71, S8999

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Wednesday, September 10, 1997.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: Robert H. Beatty, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for the remainder of the term expiring August 30, 1998.

Edward M. Gabriel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Ernesta Ballard, of Alaska, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2005.

Robin Lynn Raphael, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia. **Pages S9030-31**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Patricia M. McMahan, of New Hampshire, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of

National Drug Control Policy, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 1997. **Page S9031**

Messages From the House: **Page S9016**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—223) **Pages S8958, S8999**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 10, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9030.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1156) making ap-

propriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenue of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Helms and Faircloth, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Donald L. Fowler, former Chairman, Democratic National Committee.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the economic and fiscal impact of immigration in the United States, after receiving testimony from James P. Smith, RAND, Santa Monica, California, and Ronald D. Lee, University of California, Berkeley, both on behalf of the National Academy of Sciences Panel on the Demographic and Economic Impact of Immigration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2424, 2427, 2436–2444; 1 private bill, H.R. 2445; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 148, and H. Res. 223–225 were introduced. **Page H7118**

Reports Filed: The following report was filed today: Conference report on H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–247). **Pages H7084–H7106, H7118**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H7017**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Miller of California motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 43 ayes to 347 noes, Roll No. 371. **Pages H7017–18**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Doggett motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 29 ayes to 367 noes, Roll No. 372. **Page H7023**

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, 5, and 8. **Pages H7023–84**