

Friday, September 19, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1199–1200, and S. Con. Res. 53. Page S9726

FDA Modernization and Accountability Act: Senate resumed 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, with a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. (The modification incorporated the language of Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute.) Pages S9701–13

Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 1130, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S9701–13

Harkin Amendment No. 1137 (to Amendment No. 1130), authorizing funds for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2000 to establish within the National Institutes of Health an agency to be known as the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Pages S9701–05

Durbin Amendment No. 1140 (to Amendment No. 1130), to require that entities and individuals accredited to conduct review of device notifications be subject to the conflict of interest standards that apply to employees of the Food and Drug Administration. Pages S9705–07

Durbin Amendment No. 1139 (to Amendment No. 1130), to eliminate provisions relating to the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to track devices or to conduct postmarket surveillance of devices. Pages S9707–13

Senate will resume consideration of the bill and amendments pending thereto, on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, with a cloture vote on the bill to occur thereon.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Kenneth S. Apfel, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2001.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Nancy Killefer, of Florida, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury. Page S9735

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Terrence J. Brown, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Mary Ann Cohen, of California, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after she takes office.

Seth Waxman, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 2:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 23, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9735.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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 R. Warren Meddoff, Plantation, Florida, formerly of Bukkehave, Inc.,

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, September 22.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate-and House-passed versions of H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D883)

H.R. 1866, to continue favorable treatment for need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws. Signed September 17, 1997. (P.L. 105-43)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 22 through 27, 1997

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will not be in session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act and amendments pending thereto, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the bill to occur thereon.

During the week, Senate will also consider S. 1156, D.C. Appropriations, 1998, conference reports, when available, and consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday, September 23, 1997* from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Monday, No legislative business.

Tuesday, Consideration of 1 corrections Day bill, H.R. 2343, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board Abolishment Act;

Consideration of 14 suspensions:

1. H.R. 2414, 50 states Commemorative Coin Program Act;

2. H.R. 2261, Small Business Programs Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1997;

3. S. 996, to provide for the authorization for arbitration in United States District Courts;

4. H.R. 1683, the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Improvements Act;

5. H.R. 2027, regarding Canadian Border Boat Landing Permit;

6. H.R. 643, designating the Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse;

7. H.R. 824, designating the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building;

8. S. 1000, designating the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse;

9. H.R. 994, designating the Kika de la Garza U.S. Border Station;

10. H.R. 29, designating the Ronald H. Brown Federal Building;

11. H.R. 1948, Hood Bay Land Exchange Act;

12. S. 871, Oklahoma City National Memorial Act of 1997;

13. H.R. 1460, allowing the election of the delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot; and

14. Agree to Senate amendment to H.R. 1420, the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act;

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2160, Agriculture Appropriations for FY 1998 (rule waiving points of order);

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2264, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Act for FY 1998;

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 2378, Treasury, Postal Appropriations Act for FY 1998.

Note: No votes are expected before 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2267, Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2209, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 1998 (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 24, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to oversight hearings on the operation of the Federal Housing Finance Board, 10 a.m., SD-538.

September 25, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to authorize funds for the

transit provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 23, business meeting, to mark up S. 1193, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and S. 1196, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers, and to consider the nominations of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary, and Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 24, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings on the Federal agency energy management provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

September 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 799, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land compromising the Steffens family property, S. 814, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, and H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 23, to hold hearings on S. 1180, to authorize funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: September 23, 24 and 25, to hold hearings to examine the practices and procedures of the Internal Revenue Service, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 23, to hold hearings on the nominations of Corinne Claiborne Boggs, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Thomas M. Foglietta, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Italy, and Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Alphonse F. La Porta, of New York, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 24, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

September 25, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine religious persecution in Sudan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Maritime Boundary Treaty with Mexico (Treaty Doc. 96-6), Protocol Amending the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds (Treaty Doc. 104-28), and

Protocol with Mexico Amending Convention for Protection of Migratory Birds and Gam Mammals (Treaty Doc. 105-26), 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 22, Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine proliferation in the information age, 10 a.m., SD-342.

September 22, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine fraud in the micro-cap securities industry, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

September 23 and 24, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

September 25, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 22, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine the bankruptcy code's effect on religious freedom, and to review the Judicial Conference request for additional bankruptcy judges, 2 p.m., SD-226.

September 23, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal antitrust policy in the healthcare marketplace, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: September 24, business meeting, to mark up the proposed Workforce Investment Partnership Act, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

September 25, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: September 25, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Capitol security issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: September 23, to hold hearings to examine screening and treatment options for prostate cancer, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 23, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing to review fast-track authority, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 24, full Committee, to consider H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research, to consider legislation to reauthorize Title VIII of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, September 23, to consider revised Section 302(b) budget allocations for fiscal year 1998, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, September 24, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on issues relating to debit

cards and unsolicited loan checks, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, hearing on the Department of the Treasury's proposed rules regarding the management of federal agency payments through the use of Electronic Funds Transfer, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, to mark up H.R. 2447, Multifamily Housing Restructuring and Affordability Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, September 24, hearing on Protecting the Future of Social Security, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Commerce, September 23, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Adequacy of Access to Investigative Drugs for Seriously Ill Patients, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Electricity Competition: Necessary Federal and State Roles, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 23, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Review of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, September 25, Subcommittee on Civil Service, to continue hearings on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace, Part II, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Pfiesteria and Food Safety: The Federal and State Response, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, September 24, to consider Contested Election in the Forty-sixth District of California and other pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, September 24, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, to continue hearings on Fast Track: On Course or Derailed? Necessary or Not? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 23, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on State Approaches to Protecting Private Property Rights, 1 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

September 24, full Committee, oversight hearing on the State of Competition in the Cable Television Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 2377, Temporary Agricultural Worker Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the Role of Congress in Monitoring Administrative Rulemaking, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1063, to amend the Webb-Kenyon Act to allow any State, territory, or possession of the United States to bring an action in Federal court to enjoin violations of that Act or to enforce the laws of such State, territory, or possession with respect to such violations; and H.R. 1534, Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 23, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Water and Power, joint oversight hearing on the proposal to drain Lake Powell or reduce its water storage capability, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 24, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1842, to terminate further development and implementation of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 2376, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1997, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, NM, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, NM, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Everglades National Park and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 23, to consider the following: H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 24, to mark up H.R. 2400, Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 25, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Year 2000 (Y2K) computer compliance issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 23, to mark up the following: H.R. 2487, Child Support Incentive Act of 1997; a measure to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding income; a measure to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives; and H.R. 2444, Disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on August 11, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-34, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 23, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on the use and effect of unilateral trade sanctions, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 25, on Health, hearing on implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Social Security, oversight hearing on the SSA's progress in conducting continuing disability reviews, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

September 26, Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue hearings on the Recommendations of the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service with regard to taxpayer protections and rights, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 23

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 830, FDA Modernization and Accountability Act, with a cloture vote to occur thereon.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business scheduled.



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