

Friday, September 19, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9701–S9735

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.