

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, Partial Birth Abortion Ban—clearing the measure for the President.

House passed H.R. 901, American Land Sovereignty Act.

House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2158, VA, HUD Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10501–S10717

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1267–1277. **Page S10631**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements. (S. Rept. No. 105–102)

S. 1271, to reauthorize the mass transit programs of the Federal Government, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 105–103)

S. Res. 112, condemning the most recent outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and recognizing the threat such violence poses to the prospects for a stable democratic form of government in that country.

S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10625**

Campaign Finance Reform—Cloture Vote: By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 270), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on S. 25, to reform the financing of Federal elections. **Pages S10501–22**

A third cloture vote is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 1997.

ISTEA Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amend-

ment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10522–S10622**

Adopted:

Chafee Amendment No. 1310, to prohibit the use of proceed from the issuance by any State or local government of tax-exempt bonds for any project financing, prepayments, or repayments under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1997. **Page S10621**

Chafee Amendment No. 1311, to modify the exclusion from the general obligation limitations for the minimum guarantee program. **Page S10621**

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. **Page S10621**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S10621–22**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10622**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. **Page S10622**

Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. **Page S10622**

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. **Page S10622**

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

By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to a motion to request the attendance of absent Senators. Page S10622

Motion to Adjourn: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 272), Senate agreed to a motion to adjourn. Page S10716

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Garr M. King, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Norman K. Moon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

James Hudson Bailey, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Christopher C. Ashby, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

James A. Larocco, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Mark Erwin, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 1999.

Phyllis E. Oakley, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Betty Eileen King, of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Stanford G. Ross, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2002.

Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office, vice Labpley Walker Hambley, Jr., retired.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—272) Pages S10522, S10622, S10716

Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—5) Pages S10622, S10716

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and, by 54 yeas to 45 nays, agreed to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, October 9, 1997.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on proposals to provide for improved public health and food safety through enhanced enforcement by requiring processors and handlers to notify the Department of Agriculture of the existence of contaminated meat and poultry products, to provide the Department the authority to require a mandatory recall of these products and to levy civil penalties for violations of meat and poultry safety rules, including a related measure S. 1264, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Carol Tucker Foreman, Foreman Heidepriem & Mager, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Safe Food Coalition, former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Food and Consumer Services; Michael T. Osterholm, Minnesota Department of Health, Minneapolis; Nancy Donley, Safe Tables Our Priority, Brooklyn, New York; Alan Janzen, Circle Five Feed Yard, Henderson, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Gary Jay Kushner, Hogan & Hartson, Washington, D.C., Greg Page, Cargill Incorporated, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Mike Doyle, University of Georgia, Athens, all on behalf of the American Meat Institute, Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., National Broiler Council, National Food Processors Association, and the National Turkey Federation.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Laura S. Unger, of New York, and Paul R. Carey, of New York, each to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, and Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury.