

Monday, October 27, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One resolution was introduced, as follows: S. Con. Res. 57. **Pages S11236–37**

Measures Passed:

Japan-Shipping Trade Practices: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 140, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the President's action to eliminate discriminatory trade practices by Japan relating to international shipping.

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Department of the Interior Appropriations Conference Report-Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Tuesday, October 28, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 279 EX), Algenon L. Marbley, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

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By unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. 280 EX), Wyche Fowler, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 281 EX), Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Japan.

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Joaquin L.G. Salas, of Guam, to be United States Marshal for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Marshal for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Charles Vincent Serio, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Kenneth Ray McFerran, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Lieutenant General John A. Gordon, U.S. Air Force, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

Jose Gerardo Troncoso, of Nevada, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter J. Hurtgen, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2001.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 1997.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2002.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Hershel Wayne Gober, of Arkansas, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on July 31, 1997.

Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, which was sent to the Senate on September 26, 1997.

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Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S11236**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—281) **Pages S11234–36**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, October 28, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11242.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Tuesday, October 28.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—CLINGER-COHEN ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, held a hearing on the Oversight of the Implementation of the Clinger-Cohen Act. Testimony was heard from Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Alan P. Balutis, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Liza McClenaghan, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; Anne Reed, Chief Information Officer, USDA; John P. Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory, Tariff, and Trade Enforcement, Department of the Treasury; Michael D. Cronin, Assistant Commissioner, Inspection, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and Alan Proctor, Chief Information Officer, FTC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1137)

H.J. Res. 97, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998. Signed October 23, 1997. (P.L. 105-64)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine the use of electronic authentication technology by financial institutions and proposals to validate the use of that technology, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the state of American education, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on enhancing competition in the aviation industry, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to examine the potential impacts on, and additional responsibilities for, federal land managers imposed by the

Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on regional haze regulations implementing Section 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kenneth R. Wykle, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine costs, benefits, burdensharing and military implications of NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Frank Celeste, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to India, Shaun Edward Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Edward M. Gabriel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, Daniel Charles Kurtzer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, James A. Larocco, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, and Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary, to hold hearings on pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to resume hearings to examine an Administration study on the confidentiality of medical information and recommendations on ways to protect the privacy of individually identifiable information and to establish strong penalties for those who disclose such information, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on proposed legislation with regard to intelligence disclosure to Congress, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E2095-96 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1415, Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997; and H.R. 820, Health Insurance Bill of Rights Act of 1997, 2:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on IRS' Suspension of Its Affirmative Action Program, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, executive, hearing on Security Status of U.S. Personnel Overseas, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on U.S./China Relations and Human Rights: Is Constructive Engagement Working?, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, markup of H.J. Res 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act; H.R. 2416, provide for the transfer of certain rights and property to the United States Forest Service in exchange for a payment to the occupant of such property; and H.R. 2574, to consolidate certain mineral interest in the National grasslands in Billings County, ND, through

the exchange of Federal and private mineral interest to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on Do You Know Who You Are Doing Business With? Signatures In a Digital Age, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on protecting children from the Impacts of Substance Abuse on Families Receiving Welfare, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the performance of the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9 a.m., Tuesday, October 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of five Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, Intermodal Surface Transportation Act, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment to occur thereon, following which Senate will consider and vote on the conference report on H.R. 2107, Interior Appropriations, 1998.

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

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of 7 Suspension measures;

1. H. Res. 139, Dollars to Classrooms Act;
2. S. 1227, Clarify Treatment of Investment Managers under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;
3. S. 923, Deny Veterans Benefits to Persons Convicted of Federal Capital Offenses;
4. H.R. 2367, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997;
5. H.R. 2644, United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act;
6. H.R. 1484, Designate the J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse in Dublin, Georgia; and
7. H.R. 1479, Designate the David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse in Miami, Florida;

Consideration of the Conference Report on H.R. 1119, Department of Defense Authorization (rule waiving all points of order); and

Consideration of H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act (rule only).

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



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