

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report.
House Committees ordered reported 11 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11305–S11394

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1329–1343, and S. Res. 141. Pages S11342–43

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 79, to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. (S. Rept. No. 105–117)

S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–118)

S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–119)

S. 661, to provide an administrative process for obtaining a waiver of the coastwise trade laws for certain vessels. (S. Rept. No. 105–121)

S. 1294, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow the consolidation of student loans under the Federal Family Loan Program and the Direct Loan Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–122) Page S11341

Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 167, to correct a technical error in the enrollment of H.R. 2160. Page S11335

Honoring Loret Miller Ruppe: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, honoring the memory of former Peace Corps Director Loret Miller Ruppe. Pages S11372–73

Little League Baseball: Senate agreed to 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 that its international character and activities should be recognized, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S11373

Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act: Senate passed S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11373–88

Jeffords (for Lugar/Harkin) Amendment No. 1527, to make certain technical corrections, establish a Kiwifruit Research Promotion, and Consumer Information Program, define the National Aquaculture Development Plan, improve the competitiveness of small and medium size dairy and livestock operations, combat disease of wheat and barley, continue operation of the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program, and provide assistance for certain rural areas. Pages S11374–76

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S11313–17

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. Page S11313

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. Page S11313

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11313**

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

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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.

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

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Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Agriculture Appropriations, 1998—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2160, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts and, in accordance with the provisions of Rules XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Friday, October 31, 1997.

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Intelligence Authorizations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report on S. 858, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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

By 78 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 285), Senate agreed to a motion to table Gramm motion to postpone the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report until January 15, 1998.

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Subsequently, Hutchison Amendment No. 1526 (to the motion to postpone the motion to proceed), to make the effective date January 18, 1998, fell when the motion to table the motion to proceed was agreed to.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions

of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Friday, October 31, 1997.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Charles J. Siragusa, of New York, to be United States Judge for the Western District of New York, on Thursday, October 30, 1997.

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Military Construction Appropriations/Vetoed Provisions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1292, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45, on Thursday, October 30, 1997.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of achievements in aeronautics and space for fiscal year 1996; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–75).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 284 EX), William E. Kennard, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1996.

Harold C. Pachios, of Maine, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1999.

Paula Dobriansky, of Maryland, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission of Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1998.

R. Nicholas Burns, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Tom McDonald, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Mark Robert Parris, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Navy and Coast Guard.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Petitions:

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Executive Reports of Committees:

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Additional Cosponsors:	Pages S11364–65
Amendments Submitted:	Pages S11366–68
Authority for Committees:	Pages S11368–69
Additional Statements:	Pages S11369–72
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–285)	Pages S11312–13, S11330–31

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:20 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 30, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11389.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings to examine certain funding issues with regard to how the Department of Energy's Stockpile Stewardship and Management program maintains the safety and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, receiving testimony from Federico Peña, Secretary, and Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, both of the Department of Energy; and Harold P. Smith, Jr., Assistant to the Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, and Franklin C. Miller, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Security Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

SECURITIES LITIGATION STANDARDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities concluded hearings on S. 1260, to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law by setting national standards for stocks that are traded on the national markets, after receiving testimony from Representatives White and Eshoo; Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, and Isaac C. Hunt, Commissioner, both of the Securities and Exchange Commission; Mayor Harry Smith, Greenwood, Mississippi, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Herbert E. Milstein, Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld, and Toll, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys; Thomas E. O'Hara, Royal Oaks, Michigan, on behalf of the National Association of Investors Corporation; Robert C. Hinckley, Xilinx, Inc., San Jose, California, on behalf of the American Electronics Association; Daniel Cooperman, Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, California, on behalf of the Software Publishers Asso-

ciation; and Michael A. Perino, Stanford University School of Law, Stanford, California.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain implications of NATO enlargement on the United States economy, European Union expansion, and the European Monetary Union, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker, Baker and Botts, former Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury, and Susan Eisenhower, Center for Political and Strategic Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

AVIATION ACCIDENT COMPENSATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 943 and H.R. 2005, bills to allow a dependent of a victim of an international aviation accident occurring on or after January 1, 1995, to sue for pecuniary loss, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter; Hans Ephraimson-Abt, Ridgewood, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Association for Families of KAL 007 Victims; A. Frank Carven, III, Bel Air, Maryland, on behalf of the Families of TWA Flight 800 Association, Inc.; William Huggett, Huggett Law Firm, Miami, Florida; and Andrew J. Harakas, Stamford, Connecticut.

NOAA CORPS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries concluded hearings to examine the future of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, and related proposals, including S. 877, to disestablish NOAA's Corps of Commissioned Officers while maintaining NOAA's services for managing the nation's natural resources and improving the cost-effectiveness of the program, after receiving testimony from D. James Baker, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Frank DeGeorge, Inspector General, both of the Department of Commerce; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Christian Andreasen, International Hydrographic Organization, North Potomac, Maryland; Cheryl Glang, NOAA Officers' Wives Club, Germantown, Maryland; and Whitemarsh S. Smith, III, Charleston Branch Pilots' Association, Charleston, South Carolina.

MOUNT ST. HELENS MINERAL RIGHTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 638, to provide for acquisition of private mineral rights held by Burlington Northern Incorporated and the