

Friday, October 31, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11503–S11575

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1352–1357, and S. Con. Res. 59. Page S11545

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California. (S. Rept. No. 105–127)

S. 1180, to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–128)

S. 318, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–129)

S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–130) Page S11544

Measures Passed:

Gun Violence Concern: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 141, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S11572–73

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools—Cloture Vote: Senate resumed consideration of 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. Pages S11503–11

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

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 288), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having

voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the bill. Page S11510

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the bill 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 Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Page S11510

National Defense Authorizations Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Pages S11511–12, S11570

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

By 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 289), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the conference report. Pages S11511–12

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, November 6, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. Page S11570

A unanimous-consent agreement was further reached providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution making technical corrections in the enrollment of the conference report regarding Sec. 3165 of the bill. Page S11570

Fast Track/Trade Agreements—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements 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 Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Page S11512

SBA Authorization: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1139, to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration,

with a Bond Amendment No. 1543 (to House amendment), in the nature of a substitute.

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Export-Import Bank Authorization: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1026, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, agreed to the House request for a conference, and appointed the following conferees: Senators D'Amato, Grams, Hagel, Sarbanes, and Moseley-Braun.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Charles Rossotti, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Department of the Treasury, on Monday, November 3, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Treaties Approved: The following treaties having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present and having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification were agreed to:

Taxation Agreement with Turkey, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–30)

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Taxation Convention with Austria, with one understanding, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–31)

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Taxation Convention with Luxembourg, with one reservation, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 104–33)

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Taxation Convention with Thailand, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–2)

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Tax Convention with Switzerland, with two declarations and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–8)

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Tax Convention with South Africa, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–9)

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Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Canada, with one declaration and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–29)

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Tax Convention with Ireland, with one understanding, two declarations, and one proviso. (Treaty Doc. 105–31)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Robert M. McNamara, Jr., of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–289) Pages S11510, S11512

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 3:22 p.m., until 12 Noon, on Monday, November 3, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11575.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sally Thompson, of Kansas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture, and Joseph B. Dial, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mary Mel French, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service, Betty Eileen King, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, George Edward Moose, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Phyllis E. Oakley, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Nancy H. Rubin, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure