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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Defense Authorizations Conference Report.

The House passed 5 measures relating to the policy of the United States with respect to the People's Republic of China.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1382–1396, S. Res. 144 and 145, and S. Con. Res. 64 and 65.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1193, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–140)

H.R. 282, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

H.R. 497, to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 681, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building".

H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits.

H.R. 2129, to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office".

H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility".

H.R. 2610, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to extend the authorization for the Office of National Drug Control Policy until September 30, 1999, to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of the Office of National

Drug Control Policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 93, designating the week beginning November 23, 1997, and the week beginning on November 22, 1998, as "National Family Week".

S. 191, to throttle criminal use of guns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 336, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions.

S. 508, to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi.

S. 857, for the relief of Roma Salobrit.

S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, with amendments.

S. 1336, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser.

S. 1337, for the relief of John Andre Chalot.

S. 1371, to establish felony violations for the failure to pay legal child support obligations.

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 64, to provide for corrections to be made in the enrollment of H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorizations Act.

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National Defense Authorizations Act—Conference Report: By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to 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, clearing the measure for the President.

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Intelligence Authorizations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to 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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Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track: Senate began consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Inhofe Amendment No. 1602, to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act.

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Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1594, to establish an emergency commission to end the trade deficit.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 295 EX), Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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George Edward Moose, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

F. Amanda DeBusk, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Lange Schermerhorn, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Brenda Schoonover, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Togo.

Victor Marrero, of New York, to be the Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Patricia Watkins Lattimore, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Jeanette C. Takamura, of Hawaii, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Julia Taft, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Kathryn Walt Hall, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

R. Roger Majak, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Alexander R. Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Permanent Representative

on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Edward M. Gabriel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco.

David L. Aaron, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Susan Robinson King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Joseph A. Presel, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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 and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Stanley Tuemler Escudero, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland.

James Carew Rosapepe, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Peter Francis Tufo, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary.

B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh.

David Timothy Johnson, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of the United States Delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Kathryn Linda Haycock Proffitt, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

William H. Twaddell, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Daniel Charles Kurtzer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Steven Karl Pifer, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-

Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Amy L. Bondurant, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gerald S. McGowan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal.

Lyndon Lowell Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

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.

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

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.

David B. Hermelin, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Norway.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Paul Hammerschmidt, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term of four years.

Christine O. C. Miller, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment)

Rosemary S. Pooler, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Robert D. Sack, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Jeanne Hurley Simon, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2002.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—296) Pages S11799, S11844

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, November 7, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11902.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EDUCATION FUNDING

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current state of the national education system, focusing on the development and effectiveness of Federal compensatory education programs, after receiving testimony from Carlotta C. Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Maris A. Vinovskis, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, former Research Advisor, Department of Education; Madeleine Will, Community Options, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey, former Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; and Carley Ochoa, Riverside Unified School District, Riverside, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1287, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, with an amendment; and

H.R. 1787, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants.

CHINA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the commercial activities of China's People's Liberation Army and the impact of those activities on United States national security and U.S.-China military relations, after receiving testimony from Susan L. Shirk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Dolores F. Harrod, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Operations; Jeffrey L. Fiedler, Food and Allied Service Trades Department (AFL-CIO),