

Thursday, March 12, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments.

The House passed H.R. 992, Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1811–S1906

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1748–1754. **Pages S1883–84**

Measures Passed:

China/Human Rights: By 95 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 31), S. Res. 187, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China. **Pages S1859–67**

ISTEA Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1821–59**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 30), modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute (Amendment No. 1676). **Pages S1821–58**

By 78 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 29), McCain Amendment No. 1726 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide that demonstration projects shall be subject to any limitation on obligations established by law that applies in Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. **Pages S1821–22**

Chafee (for D'Amato/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 1998 (to Amendment No. 1931, agreed to on March 10, 1998), to make grants to the University of Alabama to establish a university transportation Center. **Page S1822**

Chafee (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 1999 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study to assess the impact that a utility company's failure to relocate its facilities in

a timely manner has on the delivery and cost of Federal-aid highway and bridge projects. **Page S1822**

Baucus (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 2000 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for high risk hazardous material and hazardous waste transportation safety. **Page S1822**

Chafee Amendment No. 2001 (to Amendment No. 1676), to make certain technical corrections. **Page S1823**

Chafee (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2002 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for a school transportation safety study. **Pages S1823–24**

Chafee (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1986 (to Amendment No. 1676), to designate a commercial zone within which the transportation of certain property in commerce is exempt from certain provisions of Chapter 135 of title 49, United States Code. **Pages S1824–25**

Chafee Amendment No. 2003 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for the continuation of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program in the mass transportation programs of the Federal government. **Page S1825**

Chafee/McConnell Amendment No. 2004 (to Amendment No. 1676), to allow entities and persons to comply with court orders relating to disadvantaged business enterprises and to require the Comptroller General to carry out review of the disadvantaged business enterprises program and discrimination in general. **Page S1825**

Levin Modified Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide for greater local input in transportation planning and programming. **Pages S1827–29, S1830**

Gramm Modified Amendment No. 2005 (to Amendment No. 1375), to modify the factors that the Secretary is required to consider in selecting States, metropolitan planning organizations, and

projects to receive grants under the program to provide Federal assistance for trade corridors and border infrastructure safety and congestion relief.

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Warner (for Chafee) Amendment No. 2006 (Amendment No. 1676), to change the date of a letter referred to in a provision relating to obligation limitations.

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Warner (for Lautenberg) No. 2007 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide assistance to seaports and airports affected by the increase in trade with Canada and Mexico resulting from the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

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Warner (for Lott) Amendment No. 2008 (to Amendment No. 1676), to provide a program for remote sensing and spatial information technologies.

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Warner (for Domenici) Amendment No. 2009 (to Amendment No. 1676), relating to the deployment of technologies to detect and deter illegal narcotic smuggling.

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Warner (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 2010 (to Amendment No. 1676), to require the Secretary to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the state of the transportation infrastructure on the southwest border between the United States and Mexico.

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Warner (for Breaux/Landrieu) Amendment No. 2011 (to Amendment No. 1676), to identify certain routes in Louisiana as part of the North-South Corridor, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

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Warner (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 1676), to expand the scope of the hazard elimination program.

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Warner (for Abraham/Levin) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 1676), to modify a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

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Warner (for Sessions) Amendment No. 2014 (to Amendment No. 1676), to designate certain segments of corridors of the Appalachian development highway system in Mississippi and Alabama as routes on the Interstate System.

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Moseley-Braun Modified Amendment No. 2015 (to Amendment No. 1676), to increase funding for the Railway-Highway Crossing Hazard Elimination Program.

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Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Senate calendar.

Indictment Against Saddam Hussein: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 78, relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity,

taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Murkowski (for Specter) Amendment No. 1933, in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Friday, March 13, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon.

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on Monday, March 16, 1998.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—31)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 13, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record, on page S1906.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—CHILD NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, focusing on streamlining program operations, increasing access to qualified participants, and ensuring food safety, receiving testimony from Representative Kennedy; Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Melinda Turner, American School Food Service Association, Booneville, Kentucky; Linda Locke, Community Coordinated Child Care, Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Child Care Food Program; Karen R. Ford, Food Bank of Iowa, Des Moines; and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 17.