

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Ocean Shipping Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3305–S3373

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1959–1964 and S. Res. 211. Page S3356

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 2766, to designate the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painesville, Ohio, as the “Karl Bernal Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2773, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the “Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building”.

H.R. 2836, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3120, to designate the United States Post Office located at 95 West 100 South Street in Provo, Utah, as the “Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building”.

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Measures Passed:

Ocean Shipping Reform Act: Senate passed S. 414, to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S3306–21

Adopted:

Hutchison Amendment No. 1689, in the nature of a substitute. Page S3313

Rejected:

Gorton Amendment No. 2287 (to Amendment No. 1689), to provide authority for non-vessel-operating common carriers who buy vessel space from vessel-operating common carriers to resell that space to shipper customers through confidential contracts.

(By 72 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 85), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S3306–11

Death of Former Senator Sanford: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, expressing the condolences of the Senate on the death of Honorable Terry Sanford, former United States Senator from North Carolina. Pages S3331–33

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools:

Senate continued 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, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S3321–31, S3333–53

Adopted:

By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 88), Mack/D’Amato Amendment No. 2288, to provide incentives for States to establish and administer periodic teacher testing and merit pay programs for elementary and secondary school teachers. Page S3334

By 69 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 89), Coverdell (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2291, to establish education reform projects that provide same gender schools and classrooms, as long as comparable educational opportunities are offered for students of both sexes. Pages S3323–25, S3334–35

Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 2289, to authorize funds to provide an additional 100,000 elementary and secondary school teachers annually to the national pool of such teachers during the 10-year period beginning with 1999 through a new student loan forgiveness program. (By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 86), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S3321–23

Glenn Amendment No. 2017, to delete education IRA expenditures for elementary and secondary

school expenses. (By 60 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 87), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Moseley-Braun Amendment No. 2292, to expand the incentives for the construction and renovation of public schools. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 90), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S3339–46

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, April 22, 1998. Page S3371

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Neal F. Lane, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Henry L. Solano, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of Labor.

Jonathan H. Spalter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Director of the United States Information Agency.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Public Health Service.

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—90) Pages S3311, S3322, S3334–35, S3346

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3371.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for foreign assistance, focusing on international crime prevention programs, receiving testimony from Louis Freeh, Director, and

Michael Pyszczmuka, Legal Attache (Kiev, Ukraine), both of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Gen. Ihor Smeshko, Center for Strategic Planning and Analysis, Kiev, Ukraine.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 23.

APPROPRIATIONS—GAO/BIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Victor S. Rezendes, Director of Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Sue Ellen Naiberk, Assistant Director, and Jennifer L. Duncan, Evaluator, all of the General Accounting Office; and Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

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BREAST CANCER PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies held hearings to examine the use of the drug Tamoxifen for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer, receiving testimony from Harold E. Varmus, Director, and Richard D. Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute, both of the National Institutes of Health; Norman Wolmark, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Helene Wilson, North Wales, Pennsylvania, both on behalf of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP); and Cynthia Pearson, National Women's Health Network, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1873, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

MARITIME AND AVIATION LIABILITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on the following measures:

Proposed legislation to revise certain provisions with regard to the liability of ship owners for loss of and damage to cargo on the high seas as contained in the United States Carriage of Goods by Sea Act of 1936, after receiving testimony from Chester D. Hooper, Haight Gardner Holland & Knight, on behalf of the Maritime Law Association of the