

Friday, May 22, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act.

Senate agreed to ISTEA Conference Report.

The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2400, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2112–2125, S. Con. Res. 99, and S. Res. 235–237.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1642, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public. (S. Rept. No. 105–194)

S. 1250, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–195)

S. 1325, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–196)

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Measures Passed:

Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act: By 90 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate passed H.R. 2709, to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles, and to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Levin Amendment No. 2444, to change the date of behavior subject to sanctions relating to Iran missile proliferation.

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Congratulating Sri Lanka: Senate agreed to S. Res. 172, congratulating President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the celebration of 50 years of independence.

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Israeli Membership in U.N. Regional Group: Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group.

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Authorizing the Flying of the POW/MIA Flag: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 99, authorizing the flying of the POW/MIA flag.

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Intermodal Surface Transportation Act—Conference Report: By 88 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid-highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs.

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Nuclear Waste Policy Act—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Appointments:

National Skill Standards Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to P.L. 103–227, appointed the following individuals

to the National Skill Standards Board: Tim C. Flynn, of South Dakota, Representative of Business; and Jerald A. Tunheim, of South Dakota, Representative of Human Resource Professionals. **Page S5401**

Global Climate Change Observer Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the two leaders, pursuant to provisions of S. Res. 98, agreed to July 25, 1997, the appointment of Senator Kerrey to the Global Climate Change Observer Group, vice Senator Bingaman. **Page S5400**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Treaty with Czech Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105-47);

Inter-American Convention on Sea Turtles (Treaty Doc. 105-48).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Page S5485**

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

Transmitting the report concerning the whereabouts of U.S. citizens who have been missing from Cyprus since 1974; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-133). **Page S5430**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Joan Avalyn Dempsey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management.

Cyril Kent McGuire, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Rita R. Colwell, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

9 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S5481-85, S5486-87**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Greta Joy Dicus, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2003.

Hugh Q. Parmer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Joan Specter, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Louis Caldera, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, vice Togo Dennis West, Jr.

Gerald Bruce Lee, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Patricia A. Seitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—147) **Pages S5890, S5417**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, in accordance with S. Con. Res. 98, adjourned at 5:27 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, June 1, 1998.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joan Avalyn Dempsey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3945–3976; 1 private bill, H.R. 3977; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 281–283 and H. Res. 448, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 872, to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, amended (H. Rept. 105–549 Part 1);

Conference report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 105–550).

H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty, amended (H. Rept. 105–551 Part 1);

H. Res. 449, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 105–552);

H. Res. 450, providing for consideration of H.R. 3433, to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses (H. Rept. 105–553); and

H.R. 3035, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies, amended (H. Rept. 105–554 Part 1).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Carl Holladay of Atlanta, Georgia.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that for today, all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled “Extension of Remarks.”

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Stenholm motion to adjourn by yea and nay vote of 59 yeas to 304 nays, Roll No. 187.

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Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act Conference Report: The House failed

to agree to H. Res. 446, as amended, the rule disposing of the conference report to accompany 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 by yea and nay vote of 120 yeas to 289 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 188). Earlier, agreed to the Solomon amendment that strikes from the rule “subtitle A of title V” on page 2 and inserts “sections 503 through 509 and by striking section 510(b)”.

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Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. The House agreed to H. Res. 442, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on May 21.

Pages H3774–92

Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Archer, Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Portman, Rangel, and Coyne.

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Agreed to the Coyne motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in the House bill and thereby not further delay needed restructuring of the Internal Revenue Service, by a yea and nay vote of 388 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 189.

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Expedited Procedure—Same Day Consideration of Rule: The House agreed to H. Res. 445, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b), rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

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Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century: The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, by a recorded vote of 297 yeas to 86 noes, Roll No. 192.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to strike those provisions of the conference report that prohibit or reduce service-connected disability compensation to veterans relating to use of tobacco products, by a yea and nay vote of 190 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 191.

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H. Res. 449, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to earlier by a ye and nay vote of 359 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 190. **Pages H3943–45**

Enrollment Correction: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 282, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 2400, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Page H3965**

Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees, Chairman Goodling, Representatives Goodling, McKeon, Riggs, Graham, Bob Schaffer of Colorado, Clay, Martinez, and Kildee. **Pages H3965–66**

Display of the POW/MIA Flag at the Capitol: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 99, providing for the display of the POW/MIA flag at the Capitol—clearing the measure. **Page H3966**

Motions to Suspend the Rules: Agreed that on Wednesday, June 3, the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act; H.R. 3504, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act; H.R. 3808, designating the Carl D. Pursell U.S. Post Office; H.R. 3630, designating the Steven Schiff U.S. Post Office; H.R. 2798, designating the Nancy B. Jefferson U.S. Post Office; and H.R. 2799, designating the Reverend Milton R. Brunson U.S. Post Office Building. **Page H3966**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on the Budget have until midnight on Wednesday, May 27, to file a report on a concurrent resolution on the budget. **Page H3966**

Presidential Message—Cyprus: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his report to Congress on the Investigation of the Whereabouts of the U.S. Citizens Who Have Been Missing from Cyprus Since 1974—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Pages H3966–67**

Memorial Day District Work Period: Agreed to S. Con. Res. 98, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and House of Representatives—clearing the measure. **Page H3774**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 3, 1998. **Page H3966**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 1. **Page H3966**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 3. **Page H3967**

Resignations-Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, June 3, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and make appointments. **Page H3967**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3757, H3938–39, and H3965.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 73, expressing the sense of Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Pages H3968–69**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3973–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3760–61, H3772–73, H3938, H3945, H3963–64, and H3964–65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 98, adjourned at 6:27 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3.

Committee Meetings

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2400, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Oberstar.

TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3433, Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998, in the House without intervention of any point of order. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, modified by the amendment printed in the

report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule also provides for consideration of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee,

which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bunning and Kennelly.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 Noon, Monday, June 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Wednesday, June 3

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 1415, Universal Tobacco Settlement Act.

House Chamber

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