

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4328, Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105-825).

House agreed to H. Con. Res. 353, providing for the sine die adjournment of the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Seven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2641-2647, S. Res. 311, and S. Con. Res. 129 and 130.

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Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 137, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1999, clearing the measure for the President.

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Correction Officers Health and Safety Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2070, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the mandatory testing for serious transmissible diseases of incarcerated persons whose bodily fluids come into contact with corrections personnel and notice to those personnel of the results of the tests, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Burns (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3832, in the nature of a substitute.

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Africa: Seeds of Hope Act: Senate passed H.R. 4283, to support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Burns (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3833, in the nature of a substitute.

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Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act: Senate passed H.R. 3633, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to place limitations on controlled substances brought into the

United States from Mexico, clearing the measure for the President.

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Computation of Annuities for State Department Special Agents and Security Personnel: Senate passed H.R. 633, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers, clearing the measure for the President.

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Regarding Access for Disabled Persons: Senate passed H.R. 4501, to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to improve the access for persons with disabilities to outdoor recreational opportunities made available to the public, clearing the measure for the President.

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Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 129, to correct a technical error in the enrollment of H.R. 3910.

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Omnibus Appropriations, 1999: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote to occur on the conference report on H.R. 4328, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, on Wednesday, October 21, 1998, at 9 a.m.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Received on October 19, 1998, during the recess of the Senate:

A message from the President of the United States transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to narcotics

traffickers centered in Columbia; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-164).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas L. Miller, of South Dakota, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2002.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages From the President:

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Additional Statements:

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 4:33 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, October 21, 1998.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4856-4873; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 138, H. Con. Res. 353-354, and H. Res. 606-610 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 605, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105-826). Page H11694

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H11551

Recess: The House recessed at 12:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H11553

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Miscellaneous and Technical Amendments to Trade Law: H.R. 4856, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 4:25 p.m. Page H11582

Preparation for the Adjournment of the Second Session Sine Die: The House agreed to H. Res. 594, as modified, providing for consideration of certain resolutions in preparation for the adjournment of the second session sine die. Page H11582

Convening Day for the 106th Congress: House passed H.J. Res. 138, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress. Page H11582

Organizational Caucus: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 594, adopted H. Res. 606, providing that any organizational caucus or conference in the House for the 106th Congress may begin on or after November 13, 1998. Page H11582

Printing of House Rules and Manual: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 594, adopted H. Res. 607, providing for the printing of a revised edition of the House Rules and Manual for the 106th Congress. Page H11582

Committee to Inform the President: Pursuant to H. Res. 594, adopted H. Res. 608, appointing Members to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate to inform the President that the two Houses have completed their business of the session and are ready to adjourn. Subsequently, appointed Representatives Arney and Gephardt to the committee. Page H11583

Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report accompanying H.R. 4328, Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for fiscal year 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 333 yeas to 95 nays, Roll No. 538. Pages H11592-H11669

H. Res. 605, the rule waiving points of order on the conference report accompanying the bill, was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 333 yeas to 88 nays, Roll No. 536. Pages H11583-91

Adjournment Sine Die: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 353, providing for the adjournment of both Houses sine die. Page H11669

Bandelier National Monument Administrative Improvement and Watershed Protection: The House passed S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the

lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, by voice vote—clearing the measure for the President.

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Earlier, H. Res. 604, the rule that provided for consideration of both S. 1132 and S. 2133, was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 229 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 537.

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International Anti-Bribery: The House disagreed to Senate amendments nos. 2 through 6 and agreed to Senate amendment no. 1 with an amendment to S. 2375, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, to strengthen prohibitions on international bribery and other corrupt practices.

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Government Programs Waste Reduction: The House passed H.R. 4857, to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, Federal benefit programs. Agreed to the Davis of Virginia amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Technology Transfer Commercialization: The House passed H.R. 4859, to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license federally owned inventions.

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Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin: The House agreed to the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 1560, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

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Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read and accepted a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the end of the Second Session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of October 21.

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Regarding the Sale or Diversion of Great Lakes Water: The House agreed to H. Res. 566, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President and the Senate should take the necessary actions to prevent the sale or diversion of

Great Lakes water to foreign countries, business, corporations, and individuals until procedures are established to guarantee that any such sale is fully negotiated between and approved by the governments concerned.

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Africa: Seeds of Hope: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4283, to support sustainable and broad-based agricultural and rural development in sub-Saharan Africa—clearing the measure for the President.

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Regarding the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant: The House passed H.R. 4851, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran.

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Regarding the People of the Republic of Mozambique: The House agreed to H. Res. 610, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the people of the Republic of Mozambique are to be commended for their commitment to rebuilding their nation after years of civil war, their willingness to live together harmoniously despite sharp political differences, and their ability to overcome poverty, health crises, and refugee outflows to build a growing economy and a positive future for their country.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11553 and H11592.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and appear on pages H11591, H11591–92, and H11668–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS (OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS)

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4328, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representative Obey.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1179)

H.J. Res. 136, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999. Signed October 16, 1998. (P.L. 105-260)

H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999. Signed October 17, 1998. (P.L. 105-261)

H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Signed October 17, 1998. (P.L. 105-262)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, executive, to consider pending business, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
9 a.m., Wednesday, October 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, October 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will vote on the conference report on H.R. 4328, Omnibus Appropriations, 1999, following which Senate may consider any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Pro Forma Session.

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