

Friday, October 15, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on VA-HUD Appropriations.
Senate passed District of Columbia Appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12655-S12730

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1735-1741, S. Res. 204, and S. Con. Res. 60. **Page S12695**

Measures Passed:

District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S12729**

Sessions (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2302, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12729**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Stevens, Kyl, Durbin, and Inouye. **Page S12729**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1593, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12660-81**

Pending:
Daschle Amendment No. 2298, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12660-81**

Reid Amendment No. 2299 (to Amendment No. 2298), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S12660-81**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Daschle Amendment No. 2298, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 19, 1999. **Page S12661**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid Amendment No. 2299 (to Amendment No.

2298), listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 19, 1999. **Page S12661**

VA-HUD Appropriations—Conference Report: By 93 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 328), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12655-59**

Quality Care for the Uninsured Act—Conferees: Senate authorized the Chair to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate to H.R. 2990, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts: Senators Jeffords, Gregg, Frist, Hutchison, Nickles, Gramm, Enzi, Kennedy, Dodd, Har-kin, Mikulski, and Rockefeller. **Page S12659**

By unanimous consent, Senate vitiated the July 15, 1999 passage of S. 1344, Senate companion measure to H.R. 2990, which passed the Senate on October 14, 1999, after the Senate struck all after the enacting clause and inserted the text of S. 1344, as passed. Subsequently, S. 1344 was indefinitely postponed. **Page S12728**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ellen Segal Huvelle, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Anna J. Brown, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Charles A. Pannell, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Text of S. 938 and H.R. 659, as amended, as Previously Passed: Pages S12727–28

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—328) Page S12659

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and adjourned at 2:38 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, October 18, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12729.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Donald Stuart Hays, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia held hearings on issues relating to quality management in government at the Federal level, receiving testimony from Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; David J. Barram, Administrator, General Services Administration; J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.