

Thursday, October 21, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Partial Birth Abortion Ban.

The Senate and House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2466,
Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations.

The House passed H.R. 2, The Students Results Act.

The House passed H.R. 2300, Academic Achievement for All Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12949–S13035

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1759–1768, and S.J. Res. 36. Pages S13011–12

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina.

S. 1235, to amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow railroad police officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for law enforcement training.

S. 1485, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States.

S. 1713, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

S. 1753, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child

under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act. Page S13011

Measures Passed:

Work Incentives Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 1180, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 331, Senator companion measure, as passed by the Senate on June 16, 1999. 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 Roth, Lott, and Moy-nihan. Page S12961

Partial Birth Abortion: By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 340), Senate passed S. 1692, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, as modified, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S12949–70, S12972–99

Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 337), Harkin Amendment No. 2321 (to Amendment No. 2320), to express the sense of Congress in support of the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*. (By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 336), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) Pages S12949–61, S12972

Boxer Amendment No. 2320 (to the text of the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2319), to express the Sense of the Congress that, consistent with the rulings of the Supreme Court, a woman's life and health must always be protected in

any reproductive health legislation passed by Congress. Pages S12949–72

Modification to S. 1692, to clarify the definition of partial birth abortion. Page S12980

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 338), Smith (of N.H.) Modified Amendment No. 2324, to provide for certain disclosures and limitations with respect to the transference of human fetal tissue. Pages S12985–89

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 339), Landrieu Modified Amendment No. 2323, to express the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should fully support the economic, educational and medical requirements of families with special needs children. Pages S12975–89

Torture Victims Relief Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 2367, to reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture, clearing the measure for the President. Page S13035

Interior Appropriations Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S13000–02

African Growth and Opportunity Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa. Pages S13002–06

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Friday, October 22, 1999. Page S13035

Appointment:

Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–549, appointed Susan F. Moore, of Georgia, to the Board of Directors of the Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center, vice Patricia A. Buffler. Page S13035

Messages From the House:

Enrolled Bills Signed:

Communications:

Executive Reports of Committees:

Statements on Introduced Bills:

Additional Cosponsors:

Amendments Submitted:

Notices of Hearings:

Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—340) Pages S12961, S12972, S12989, S12997

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 22, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13035.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OPERATION ALLIED FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee resumed open and closed hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo, receiving testimony from Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander-in-Chief, United States Naval Forces, Europe, Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe; and Lt. Gen. Michael C. Short, USAF, Commander, 16th Air Force, United States Air Forces, Europe, Commander, Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine issues dealing with the Department of Commerce's proposal to close the National Technical Information Service, after receiving testimony from Senator Robb; Representatives Davis and James Moran; Robert Mallett, Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; Joan R. Challinor, Member, United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; and Bill Clark, National Federation of Federal Employees, Washington, DC.

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 1365, to amend the National Preservation Act of 1966 to extend the authorization for the Historic Preservation Fund and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, S. 1434, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to reauthorize that Act, and H.R. 834,