

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate passed Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

House Committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

House passed H.R. 4, Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) Act.

Committee on Rules reported a resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 2563, Bipartisan Patient Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1286–1301, S.J. Res. 21, and S. Res. 145–146. **Pages S8574–75**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation To Subcommittees Of Budget Totals For Fiscal Year 2002". (S. Rept. No. 107–50)

S. Res. 126, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding observance of the Olympic Truce.

S. 367, to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign non-governmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 584, to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall States Courthouse".

S. 1254, to reauthorize the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, with an amendment.

S. Con. Res. 58, expressing support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum.

S. Con. Res. 62, congratulating Ukraine on the 10th anniversary of the restoration of its independence and supporting its full integration into the Euro-Atlantic community of democracies. **Page S8570**

Measures Passed:

Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: Senate passed H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1213, to make certain revisions and improvements to the bill.

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By prior unanimous consent, Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the bill.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 262), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on H.R. 2299 (listed above).

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Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act: Senate passed S. 494, to provide for a transition to democracy and to promote economic recovery in Zimbabwe, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8627–28**

Emergency Agriculture Assistance Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1246, to respond to

the continuing economic crisis adversely affecting American agricultural producers, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Voinovich Amendment No. 1209, to protect the social security surpluses by preventing on-budget deficits.

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Pending:

Lugar Amendment No. 1212, in the nature of a substitute.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on S. 1246 (listed above) and, in accordance with Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Friday, August 3, 2001.

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VA–HUD Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2620, 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, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Mikulski/Bond Amendment No. 1217 (to Amendment No. 1214), to make \$2,000,000,000 for FEMA disaster relief available upon enactment.

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By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 265), Boxer Amendment No. 1219 (to Amendment No. 1214), to provide for a new national primary drinking water regulation for arsenic.

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Pending:

Mikulski/Bond Amendment No. 1214, in the nature of a substitute.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 25 yeas to 75 nays (Vote No. 263), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to Wellstone Amendment No. 1218 (to Amendment No. 1214), to increase the amount available for medical care for veterans by \$650,000,000. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of the Congressional Budget Act by providing spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302–B allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto on Thursday, August 2, 2001; that upon disposition of all amendments, the substitute amendment be agreed

to, the bill be read three times, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage of the bill, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Export Administration Act Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority Leader may, after consultation with the Republican Leader, turn to the consideration of S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, but not before September 4, 2001.

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Appointments:

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public law 106–286, appointed Senator Bayh to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China, vice Senator Gordon Smith, and appointed Senator Baucus as Chairman of the Commission.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 98 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 264), Asa Hutchinson, of Arkansas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

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Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

Jack Dyer Crouch II, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sue McCourt Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Josefina Carbonell, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Clark Kent Ervin, of Texas, to be Inspector General, Department of State.

Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania.

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Dan R. Brouillette, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Denmark.

Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden.

Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Thomas C. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Eric M. Bost, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

William T. Hawks, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Joseph J. Jen, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

James R. Moseley, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

J.B. Penn, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Marie T. Huhtala, of California, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2002.

Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2007. (Reappointment)

Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore. **Pages S8533–34, S8577**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., of South Carolina, to be the United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment)

Michael W. Mosman, of Oregon, to be the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

Paul J. McNulty, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Garner McCampbell, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Timothy Mark Burgess, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—265) **Pages S8505, S8549, S8551, S8561**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 2, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8577.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. EXPORT MARKET SHARE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Production and Price Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the status of the U.S. agricultural export market share, the Department of Agriculture's strategy for expanding overseas sales, and how impending policy changes may benefit the food and agricultural sector, after receiving testimony from Mattie R. Sharpless, Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture; Leonard W. Condon, American Meat Institute, Arlington, Virginia; Henry Jo Von Tungeln, Calumet, Oklahoma, on behalf of the U.S. Wheat Associates, the Wheat Export Trade Education Committee, and the National Association of