

Monday, April 29, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1711–1716, and S.J. Res. 53.

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Illegal Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1664, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel and detention facilities, improving the system used by employers to verify citizenship or work-authorized alien status, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and document fraud, and reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures; and to reduce the use of welfare by aliens, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Hatch (for Simpson) Amendment No. 3866, to grant emergency authority to Sentencing Commission to expedite required changes, to permit State law enforcement officers to transport illegal aliens across State lines, to eliminate provisions authorizing the use of Federal retirees, to exempt the School Lunch program, and other child nutrition programs, to permit aliens authorized to work and aliens outside the United States to enter into contracts with the Federal Government, to clarify the "benefits of residence" provision, to clarify eligibility for Social Security benefits, to further define "eligible alien", to establish a limitations period on public charge deportability, to modify the public charge period for battered aliens, to exempt the receipt of certain Federal education assistance from the definition of "public charge", to delay the deeming requirement in the case of battered aliens, to strike section 207, to establish eligibility for financial assistance for public and assisted housing, and to amend certain further miscellaneous provisions.

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Withdrawn:

Dole (for Simpson) Amendment No. 3744 (to Amendment No. 3743), of a perfecting nature.

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Dole motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith.

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Lott Amendment No. 3745 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to require the report to Congress on detention space to state the amount of detention space available in each of the preceding 10 years. (The amendment fell when the motion to recommit the bill was withdrawn.)

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Dole Modified Amendment No. 3746 (to Amendment No. 3745), to authorize the use of volunteers to assist in the administration of naturalization programs, port of entry adjudications, and criminal alien removal. (The amendment fell when the motion to recommit the bill was withdrawn.)

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Pending:

Dole (for Simpson) Amendment No. 3743, of a perfecting nature.

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Graham Amendment No. 3760, to condition the repeal of the Cuban Adjustment Act on a democratically elected government in Cuba being in power.

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Graham/Specter Amendment No. 3803, to clarify and enumerate specific public assistance programs with respect to which the deeming provisions apply.

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

By a unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. 90), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on Amendment No. 3743, listed above.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill 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 Wednesday, May 1, 1996.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, April 30, 1996.

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

Transmitting the report of a suspension under the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies

Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1996; referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (PM-141).

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Transmitting, the report on the 1996 National Drug Control Strategy; to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM-142).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Avis T. Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Marisa R. Lino, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

John Francis Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Venezuela.

Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—90) Page S4308

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:43 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Tuesday, April 30, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4367.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall under its jurisdiction of proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for national defense programs.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 3348; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 416-417 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 2641, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Director of the United States Marshals Service, amended (H. Rept. 104-541).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Cox to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Department of the Interior: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning the suspension of subsection 325(a) and 325(b) of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1996—referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-206).

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National Drug Control Strategy: Message wherein he transmits his 1996 National Drug Control

Strategy—referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4111.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On April 26, the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the National Institute on Aging, the National