

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4449–S4570

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1719 and 1720. Page S4517

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 295, to permit labor-management cooperative efforts that improve America's economic competitiveness to continue to thrive. (S. Rept. No. 104–259) Page S4516

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Polish People: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 51, saluting and congratulating Polish people around the world as, on May 3, 1996, they commemorate the 205th anniversary of the adoption of Poland's first constitution, and the measure was then passed. Pages S4567–68

Administration of Presidio Properties: Senate passed H.R. 1296, to provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, after agreeing to a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments thereto: Pages S4509–13

Adopted:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3564, in the nature of a substitute, as modified further. Page S4509

Withdrawn:

Dole (for Burns) Amendment No. 3571 (to Amendment No. 3564), to provide for the exchange of certain land and interests in land located in the Lost Creek area and other areas of the Deerlodge National Forest, Montana. Page S4509

Dole (for Burns) Amendment No. 3572 (to Amendment No. 3571), in the nature of a substitute. Page S4509

Kennedy Amendment No. 3573, to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate. Page S4509

Kerry Amendment No. 3574 (to Amendment No. 3573), in the nature of a substitute. (By a unanimous vote of 97 nays (Vote No. 52), Senate failed to table the amendment.) Page S4509

Dole motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions. Page S4509

Dole Amendment No. 3653 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), to strike the instructions and insert in lieu thereof "to report back by April 21, 1996 amendments to reform welfare and Medicaid effective one day after the effective date of the bill." Page S4509

Dole Amendment No. 3654 (to Amendment No. 3653), in the nature of a substitute. Page S4509

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: Pages S4455–S4509, S4513

Adopted:

Reid Modified Amendment No. 3865 (to Amendment No. 3743), to authorize asylum or refugee status, or the withholding of deportation, for individuals who have been threatened with an act of female genital mutilation. Pages S4455, S4490

By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 100), Leahy Amendment No. 3780 (to Amendment No. 3743), to provide minimum safeguards in expedited exclusion procedure to prevent returning bona fide refugees to their persecutors. Pages S4457–68, S4490–91, S4492–93

Feinstein/Boxer Modified Amendment No. 3777 (to Amendment No. 3743), to provide funds for the construction and expansion of physical barriers and

improvements to roads in the border area near San Diego, California.

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Simpson (for Gramm/Hutchison) Amendment No. 3948 (to Amendment No. 3743), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the critical role of interior Border Patrol stations in the agency's enforcement mission.

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Kennedy (for Bryan) Amendment No. 3949 (to Amendment No. 3743), to prevent certain aliens from participating in the family unity program.

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Kennedy (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3950 (to Amendment No. 3743), to preserve law enforcement functions and capabilities in the interior of States.

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Rejected:

By 26 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 99), Bradley Amendment No. 3790 (to Amendment No. 3743), to establish an Office for the Enforcement of Employer Sanctions.

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Abraham Amendment No. 3752 (to Amendment No. 3743), to strike provisions providing for the implementation of a national identification system and those provisions requiring State driver's licenses and birth certificates to conform to new Federal regulations and standards. (By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 30 yeas to 69 nays (Vote No. 102), Simon Amendment No. 3810 (to Amendment No. 3743), to exempt from deeming requirements immigrants who are disabled after entering the United States.

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By 36 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 103), Simon Amendment No. 3813 (to Amendment No. 3743), to prevent retroactive deeming of sponsor income.

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By 22 yeas to 77 nays (Vote No. 104), Graham Amendment No. 3764 (to Amendment No. 3743), to limit the deeming provisions for purposes of determining eligibility of legal aliens for Medicaid.

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Pending:

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

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Simpson Amendment No. 3853 (to Amendment No. 3743), relating to pilot projects on systems to verify eligibility for employment in the United States and to verify immigration status for purposes of eligibility for public assistance or certain other government benefits.

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Simpson Amendment No. 3854 (to Amendment No. 3743), to define "regional project" to mean a project conducted in an area which includes more than a single locality but which is smaller than an entire State.

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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, May 2, 1996, with a cloture vote to occur on the bill.

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Nicodemus Historic Site/New Bedford Historic Landmark—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1720, to establish the Nicodemus National Historic Site and the New Bedford National Historic Landmark.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2002.

25 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Public Health Service.

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Text of S. Con. Res. 51 as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total-104)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, May 2, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4568.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal