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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Conference Report.
Senate passed Illegal Immigration Reform.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4571–S4651

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1721–1727, and S.J. Res. 54. **Page S4618**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1474, to provide new authority for probation and pretrial services officers. **Page S4617**

Measures Passed:

Nicodemus Historic Site/New Bedford Historic Landmark: Senate passed S. 1720, to establish the Nicodemus National Historic Site and the New Bedford National Historic Landmark. **Pages S4587–90**

Illegal Immigration Reform: By 97 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 108), Senate passed H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, and to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1664, Senate companion measure, as amended, and after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S4576–87, S4590, S4592–S4611

Adopted:

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. **Pages S4576, S4578, S4590**

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. **Pages S4576, S4578, S4590**

Snowe Amendment No. 3873 (to Amendment No. 3743), to require a study and review of allegations of harassment by Canadian customs agents for the purpose of deterring cross-border commercial activity along the United States-New Brunswick border. **Page S4595**

Snowe Modified Amendment No. 3874 (to Amendment No. 3743), to express the sense of Congress on the discriminatory application of the New Brunswick Provincial Sales Tax. **Page S4595**

Simpson Amendment No. 3951 (to Amendment No. 3743), to make certain further amendments. **Pages S4595–97**

Dole (for Simpson) Amendment No. 3743, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4576, S4610**

Rejected:

By 30 yeas to 70 nays (Vote 105), Graham Amendment No. 3759 (to Amendment No. 3743), to suspend Federal requirements imposed on state and local governments if requirements would constitute unfunded mandates. **Pages S4581–85, S4587, S4592, S4594**

By 40 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 106), Chafee/Mack Amendment No. 3840 (to Amendment No. 3743), to provide that the emergency benefits available to illegal immigrants also are made available to legal immigrants as exceptions to the deeming requirements. **Pages S4585–87, S4594**

Withdrawn:

Dewine/Abraham Amendment No. 3835 (to Amendment No. 3743), to make persecution for resistance to coercive population control policies a basis for the granting of asylum. **Pages S4592–93**

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

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 107), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S4610–11**

Subsequently, S. 1664 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S4611**

Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 641, to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S4646–49**

White House Travel Office/Former Employees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993, on Monday, May 6, 1996. **Page S4649**

Appointments:

Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d–276g, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Southeast Alaska, May 10–14, 1996: Senators, Chafee, Hatch, Pryor, Pressler, Grassley, Gorton, Jeffords, Mack, Burns, Bennett, Inhofe, DeWine, and Grams. **Page S4650**

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 104th Congress, to be held in Zacatecas, Mexico, May 3–5, 1996: Senators Murkowski, Brown, and Coverdell. **Page S4650**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Thomas Paul Grumbly, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management). **Page S4651**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

11 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S4651**

Messages From the House: **Page S4616**

Measures Referred: **Page S4616**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S4629–30**

Additional Statements: **Pages S4630–46**

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total–108) **Pages S4594, S4610–11**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, May 3, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4649–50.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FDA/COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from David A. Kessler, Commissioner, Michael A. Friedman, Deputy Commissioner for Operations, Robert J. Byrd, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Management and Systems, William Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, and Mary K. Pendergast, Deputy Commissioner/Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, all of the Food and Drug Administration, and Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; and John E. Tull, Jr., Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony from Janet Reno, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Also, subcommittee held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the judicial system, receiving testimony from Anthony M. Kennedy and David H. Souter, both Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; and Richard S. Arnold, Chief Judge for the Eighth Circuit, United States Courts of Appeals.