

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House agreed to VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report.

House passed 2 Corrections Day bills and 15 measures under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11125–S11210

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2104–2116, S.J. Res. 63 and 64, and S. Res. 296–300.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1711, to establish a commission to evaluate the programs of the Federal Government that assist members of the Armed Forces and veterans in readjusting to civilian life, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–371)

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Measures Passed:

Maritime Security Act: By 88 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 300), Senate passed H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Grassley Amendment No. 5393, to clarify the term fair and reasonable compensation with respect to the transportation of a motor vehicle by a certain vessel. (By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 299), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Grassley Amendment No. 5394, to prohibit the use of funds received as a payment or subsidy for lobbying or public education, and for making political contributions for the purpose of influencing an election. (By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 298), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Inouye (for Harkin) Amendment No. 5396 (to Amendment No. 5393), to provide for payment by the Secretary of Transportation of certain ocean freight charges for Federal food or export assistance.

(By 89 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 297), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Grassley Amendment No. 5395, to provide that United States-flag vessels be called up before foreign flag vessels during any national emergency and to prohibit the delivery of military supplies to a combat zone by vessels that are not United States-flag vessels.

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Mark O. Hatfield Room: Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, designating room S. 131 in the Capitol as the Mark O. Hatfield Room.

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Senate Arms Control Observer Group: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, extending the provisions of Senate Resolution 149 of the One Hundred Third Congress, First Session, relating to the Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

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Commending Operation Sail: Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 64, to commend Operation Sail.

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Afghanistan: Senate agreed to S. Res. 275, to express the sense of the Senate concerning Afghanistan, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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James A. Redden Federal Courthouse: Senate passed S. 1875, to designate the United States courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse".

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Veach-Baley Federal Complex: Senate passed H.R. 2504, to designate the Federal Building located at the corner of Patton Avenue and Otis Street, and the United States Courthouse located on Otis Street, in Asheville, North Carolina, as the "Veach-Baley Federal Complex", clearing the measure for the President.

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Sammy L. Davis Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 3186, to designate the Federal building

located at 1655 Woodson Road in Overland, Missouri, as the "Sammy L. Davis Federal Building", clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11202**

Roman L. Hruska Federal Building/Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 3400, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at a site on 18th Street between Dodge and Douglas Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Roman L. Hruska Federal Building and United States Courthouse", clearing the measure for the President.

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Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3710, to designate a United States courthouse located in Tampa, Florida, as the "Sam M. Gibbons United States Courthouse", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Walhalla National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3546, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Hollings) Amendment No. 5398, to correct a coastal barrier resources Map.

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Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1802, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Thomas/Simpson) Amendment No. 5399, regarding the use and reversionary interest and access by institutions of higher education.

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Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge: Senate passed H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Johnston) Amendment No. 5400, to authorize the expansion of the Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge.

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Animal Drug Availability Act: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. 773, to amend the Federal

Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Frist (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 5401, in the nature of a substitute.

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VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that once the Senate receives from the House of Representatives the conference report on H.R. 3666, 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, 1997, the conference report be considered and agreed to.

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International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 (Treaty Doc. No. 104–27), on Wednesday, September 25, 1996.

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Adjournment: During today's proceedings, Senate adjourned for 1 minute, thus changing the legislative day.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations: A routine list in the Navy.

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—300)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:36 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 25, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11162–63.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,969 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

AUTO INSURANCE REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1860, to provide for legal reform and consumer compensation with regard to automobile insurance to allow individuals to purchase either no-fault coverage or traditional tort liability coverage, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Jeffrey O'Connell, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; Kathy O'Donnell, Marcotte Law Firm, Lowell, Massachusetts; Peter Kinzler, Kinzler and Swab, Alexandria, Virginia, on behalf of the Committee for Comprehensive Automobile Accident Restitution and Rate Reduction; Jamie Court, Proposition 103 Enforcement Project, Santa Monica, California; and Andrew Tobias, New York, New York.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the threat of ballistic missile attacks on the United States, the need for missile defenses, and proposals for the United States' withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty arms control agreement, receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

Hearings will resume on Thursday, September 26.

FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT COMPETITION ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 1724, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; John M. Palatiello, Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors, Reston, Virginia; Marie Fath, Business Coalition for Fair Competition, Annandale, Virginia; Bert Concklin, Professional Services Council, Vienna, Virginia; and John N. Sturdivant, American Federation of Government Employees, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann L. Aiken, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Rose Ochi, of California, to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Aiken was introduced by Senators Hatfield and Wyden.

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the principle of tribal sovereign immunity and the function which it serves in empowering Indian tribal governments and self-determination, after receiving testimony from Senator Pressler; Robert T. Anderson, Associate Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; South Dakota Chief Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Long, Pierre; Susan M. Williams, Gover, Stetson & Williams, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Douglas B.L. Endreson, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse & Endreson, Washington, D.C.; Marlene Dawson, Whatcom County Council, and Henry Cagey, Lummi Indian Business Council, both of Bellingham, Washington; Rhonda R. Swaney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, Montana; Bill Anotubby, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma; Jesse Taken Alive, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, South Dakota; Herb Yazzie, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; Donald C. Hatch, Jr., Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Marysville; W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Jennifer A. Coleman, Buffalo, New York; Lana E. Marcussen, Darrel Smith, Mobridge, South Dakota; and James M. Johnson, Olympia, Washington.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of the Social Security retirement system, focusing on proposals to reform the current structure, after receiving testimony from Senator Simpson; and Robert J. Myers, former Actuary, Social Security Administration, Michael Tanner, Cato Institute, Paul S. Hewitt, National Taxpayers Union Foundation, C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, Martha Phillips, Concord Coalition, Estelle James, World Bank, and Paul J. Yakoboski, Employee Benefit Research Institute, all of Washington, D.C.