

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report.
Senate agreed to International Natural Rubber Agreement.
House agreed to Intelligence Authorization Conference Report.
House agreed to Immigration in the National Interest Conference Report.
House passed amendment to Immigration and Nationality Act.
House passed 9 measures under suspension of the rules.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11211–S11333

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2117–2131. **Page S11294**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3815, to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

H.R. 3846, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the provision of assistance for microenterprises.

H.R. 3916, to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings.

H.J. Res. 158, to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers, with amendments.

S. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should make improvements in Cambodia's record on human rights, the environment, narcotics trafficking and the Royal Government of Cambodia's conduct among the primary objectives in our bilateral relations with Cambodia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2130, to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices. **Page S11291**

Measures Passed:

Animal Drug Availability Act: Senate passed H.R. 2508, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the

process of approving and using animal drugs, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11326**

National Mammography Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 295, to designate October 18, 1996, as "National Mammography Day", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11326**

Extradition of Martin Pang: Senate passed H. Con. Res. 132, relating to the trial of Martin Pang for arson and felony murder. **Pages S11328–29**

Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments: Senate passed H.R. 2594, to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

Medicare/Medicaid Coverage Data Bank: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2685, to repeal the Medicare and Medicaid Coverage Data Bank, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

Medical Device Reporting Requirement: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2366, to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

County Health Organization Exemption Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3056, to permit a county-operated health insuring organization to qualify as an organization exempt from certain requirements otherwise applicable to health insuring organizations

under the Medicaid program notwithstanding that the organization enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries residing in another county, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11329**

Medicaid Enrollment: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3871, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

National Physical Fitness and Sports Foundation Establishment Act: Senate passed S. 1311, to establish a National Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11329–31**

Grassley (for Pressler) Amendment No. 5403, to make technical corrections. **Pages S11329–30**

VA/HUD Appropriations Conference Report: Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, September 24, 1996, Senate agreed to 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, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11218–25**

Intelligence Authorizations—Conference Report: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3259, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11321–26**

Treaty Approved: The following treaty having passed through its various parliamentary stages up to and including presentation of resolution of ratification, upon division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification was agreed to:

Treaty Doc. No. 104–27, International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, with a declaration. **Pages S11248–57**

Executive Reports of Committees: The Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany the Income Tax Convention with Kazakhstan (Treaty Doc. 103–33) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–34);

Report to accompany the Protocol Amending Article VIII of the 1948 Tax Convention with Respect

to the Netherlands Antilles (Treaty Doc. 104–23) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–35); and

Report to accompany the Taxation Protocol Amending Convention with Indonesia (Treaty Doc. 104–32) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–36). **Pages S11291–92**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

17 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

51 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S11331–33**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Kelly D. Johnston, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001. **Page S11333**

Messages From the House: **Pages S11289–90**

Measures Referred: **Page S11290**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S11290**

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Authority for Committees: **Pages S11314–15**

Additional Statements: **Pages S11315–20**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:33 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, September 26, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S11332–33.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EXPORT PROMOTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Finance concluded hearings to review the Fourth Annual Report of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, created by the Export Enhancement Act of 1992 to provide for a unified federal export promotion strategy, focusing on foreign trade practices by United States competitors, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.