

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations & Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Reports.

House agreed to the conference report on Treasury-Postal Service appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S17045–S17102*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1412–1416. **Pages S17090–91**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations—Conference Report:** By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 575), Senate tabled Senate Amendment No. 115, relating to the prohibition of funds to foreign non-government organizations which employ abortion as a means of family planning (and thereby receded from its amendment No. 115), to the conference report on H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, thus clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S17064–67**

**Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations—Conference Report:** By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 576), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independ-

ent Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S17068–78**

Senate receded from its amendment No. 132. **Page S17078**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S17090**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S17090**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Pages S17090, S17102**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S17091–97**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S17097–S17102**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—576) **Pages S17067, S17078**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 9:09 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S17102.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 2636–2645; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 120–122, H. Con. Res. 113 were introduced. **Pages H12505–06**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 268, providing for consideration of H. Res. 250, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for gift reform (H. Rept. 104–341);

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.R. 2564, to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government (H. Rept. 104-342);

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104-343);

Conference report on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104-344);

Conference report on S. 440, to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System (H. Rept. 104-345);

H. Res. 271, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104-346); and

Conference report on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104-347).

**Pages H12415-90, H12505, H12509-H13034**

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

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**Foreign Operations Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 794, the House agreed to the Callahan motion to disagree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 115 to H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996—returning the measure to the Senate.

**Pages H12356-62**

**Treasury-Postal Service Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 797, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

**Pages H12371-80**

House insisted on its disagreement to Senate amendment numbered 132—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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H. Res. 267, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 796. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 795.

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**Interior Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 799, the House agreed to the Yates motion to recommit the further conference report on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, to the committee of conference with instructions to insist on the House position on Senate amendment numbered 108, prohibiting use of funds on the Tongass National Forest except in compliance with Alternative P, and Senate amendment numbered 158, concerning fair market value for mineral patents.

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H. Res. 253, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 798.

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**Recess:** House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m.; and recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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**Bill Re-Referred:** The bill H.R. 2552, to transfer the Tatum Salt Dome Property to the State of Mississippi to be designated by the State as the Jamie Whitten Wilderness Area, was re-referred to the Committee on National Security.

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**Caucus Membership:** Read a letter from the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus wherein he stated that Representative Parker was no longer a member of the Democratic Caucus.

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**Committee Membership:** Read letters from the Speaker wherein he advised the Chairman of the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Budget that Representative Parker's previous election to those committees had been vacated.

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**Two-thirds Vote Waiver:** House agreed to H. Res. 265, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

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**Further Continuing Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 802, the House passed H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the joint resolution back forthwith containing an amendment that reduces the minimum level for funding operations from 40 percent to 10 percent and inserts language in title III that would provide that tax cuts will start after the budget is balanced; that there be no reductions in

education; that there be no alterations in the Medicare program; and that no money be appropriated and no targeted tax benefit be provided that is not subject to a line item veto in providing a commitment to a seven-year balanced budget (rejected by a yeas-and-nays vote of 187 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 801).

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H. Res. 270, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 249 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 800).

Pages H12406-15

**Committees To Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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**Recess:** House recessed at 12:10 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 a.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H12351 and H12405.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule today appear on pages H12507-08.

**Quorum Calls-Votes:** Seven yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12361-62, H12370, H12371, H12379, H12389, H12403-04, H12414-15, H12503, and H12503-04. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 a.m., November 16.

## Committee Meetings

### TRITIUM PRODUCTION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on Tritium Production and the Report of the Speaker's Task Force entitled "Getting on with Tritium Production". Testimony was heard from Representatives Graham and Ensign; Charles Curtis, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Paul Lisowski, Project Leader, Accelerator Production of Tritium, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

### ALLEGATIONS OF FDA ABUSES OF AUTHORITY

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on Allegations of FDA Abuses of Authority. Testimony was heard

from David A. Kessler, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### FEDERAL-AID FACILITY PRIVATIZATION ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1907, Federal-Aid Facility Privatization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative McIntosh; Michael B. Cook, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

### POSTAL REORGANIZATION ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the Postal Service held a hearing on "The Postal Reorganization Act Twenty-Five Years Later: Time For A Change?". Testimony was heard from Representatives Crane and Rohrabacher; Anthony M. Frank, former Postmaster General; Patti Birge Tyson, former Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission; Murray Comarow, former Executive Director, Kappel Commission and former Senior Assistant Postmaster General; and the following representatives of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Donald W. Kiefer, Chief, Economics Division; Bernard A. Gelb, Specialist in Industry Economics, Economics Division; Frederick M. Kaiser, Specialist in American National Government, Government Division; Bernevia M. McCalip, Analyst in Business and Government Relations, Economics Division; Carolyn Merck, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division; and Thomas J. Nicola, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on House Oversight:* Met to consider pending Committee business.

### BOSNIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Human Rights, Refugees, and War Crimes: The Prospects for Peace in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SOUTH PACIFIC—NUCLEAR ISSUES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Nuclear Issues in the South Pacific. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on Nature, Extent, and Proliferation