

Friday, January 26, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to DOD Authorizations Conference Report and START II Treaty, and passed Balanced Budget Downpayment Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S391–S541

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1529–1544, S.J. Res. 48, and S. Res. 213–216.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1406, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the city of Eufaula, Oklahoma, a parcel of land located at the Eufaula Lake project. (S. Rept. No. 104–205)

S. 583, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for two vessels. (S. Rept. No. 104–206)

S. 653, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel AURA. (S. Rept. No. 104–207)

S. 654, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel SUNRISE. (S. Rept. No. 104–208)

S. 655, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel MARANTHA. (S. Rept. No. 104–209)

S. 656, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel QUIETLY. (S. Rept. No. 104–210)

S. 680, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel YES DEAR. (S. Rept. No. 104–211)

S. 739, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel SISU. (S. Rept. No. 104–212)

S. 763, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel EVENING STAR. (S. Rept. No. 104–213)

S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel ROYAL AFFAIRE. (S. Rept. No. 104–214)

S. 808, to extend the deadline for the conversion of the vessel M/V TWIN DRILL. (S. Rept. No. 104–215)

S. 826, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PRIME TIME. (S. Rept. No. 104–216)

S. 869, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel DRAGONESSA. (S. Rept. No. 104–217)

S. 889, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel WOLF GANG II, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 104–218)

S. 911, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for the vessel SEA MISTRESS. (S. Rept. No. 104–219)

S. 975, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel JAJO. (S. Rept. No. 104–220)

S. 1016, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with the appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel MAGIC CARPET. (S. Rept. No. 104-221)

S. 1017, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with the appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel CHRISSY. (S. Rept. No. 104-222)

S. 1040, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel ONRUST. (S. Rept. No. 104-223)

S. 1041, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel EXPLORER (S. Rept. No. 104-224)

S. 1046, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsements for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for fourteen former U.S. Army hovercraft. (S. Rept. No. 104-225)

S. 1047, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation and coastwise trade endorsements for the vessels ENCHANTED ISLES and ENCHANTED SEAS. (S. Rept. No. 104-226)

S. 814, to provide for the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104-227).

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Measures Passed:

Commending Senator Nunn: Senate agreed to S. Res. 213, commending Senator Sam Nunn for casting 10,000 votes.

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Perishable Agricultural Products: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1463, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to clarify the definitions of domestic industry and like articles in certain investigations involving perishable agricultural products, and the bill was then passed.

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Balanced Budget Downpayment: By 82 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 4), Senate passed H.R. 2880, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a downpayment toward a balanced budget, clearing the measure for the President, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Rejected:

Moynihan Amendment No. 3120, to provide for an increase in the public debt limit. (By 46 yeas to

45 nays (Vote No. 2), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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

By 51 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 1), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Kennedy Amendment No. 3119, to maintain funding for education programs. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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By 45 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 3), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Harkin Amendment No. 3122, to provide for additional funding to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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Treatment of Impact Aid Payments: Senate passed S. 1543, to clarify the treatment of Nebraska impact aid payments.

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Technical Corrections: Senate passed H.R. 2726, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans, clearing the measure for the President.

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Francis J. Hagel Building: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2111, to designate the Social Security Administration's Wester Program Service Center located at 1221 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, California, as the "Francis J. Hagel Building", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Property Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1544, to authorize the conveyance of the William Langer Jewel Bearing Plant to the Job Development Authority of the city of Rolla, North Dakota.

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Defense Authorizations—Conference Report: By 56 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 5), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1124, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, clearing the measure for the President.

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Farm Credit System Regulatory Relief Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the

amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2029, to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief, clearing the measure for the President.

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START II Treaty Approved: By 87 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 6), Senate agreed to the resolution of ratification to Treaty Doc. No. 103–1, Treaty with the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (The START II Treaty), with certain conditions and declarations.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Alicia Haydock Munnell, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2000.

Arthur L. Money, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

H. Martin Lancaster, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

13 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
1 Department of Defense nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Anabelle Rodriguez-Rodriguez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Dean D. Pregerson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

W. Craig Broadwater, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Peter Benjamin Edelman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Gerald N. Tirozzi, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

Charles A. Hunnicutt, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Eileen B. Claussen, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Don T. Nakanishi, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Pub-

lic Education Fund for a term of two years (New Position).

Peggy A. Nagae, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of three years (New Position).

Dale Minami, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of three years (New Position).

Yeiichi Kuwayama, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of three years (New Position).

Elsa H. Kudo, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of two years (New Position).

Susan Hayase, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of three years (New Position).

Leo K. Goto, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of two years (New Position).

Robert F. Drinan, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund for a term of three years (New Position).

Gerald M. Shea, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of four years expiring September 30, 1998 (New Position).

Harlan Mathews, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of six years expiring September 30, 2000 (New Position).

William C. Brooks, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of two years expiring September 30, 1996 (New Position), to which position he was appointed during the last recess of the Senate.

Thomas A. Fink, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 1999.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—6) **Pages S416, S424, S444, S446, S461, S484**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 8:52 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S538.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HUD/EPA VETO IMPACT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings to examine the impact of the President's veto of the Fiscal Year 1996 Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act on HUD, after receiving testimony from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Richard Gentry, Richmond, Virginia, on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Michael Bodaken, National Housing Trust, Washington, D.C.; and Patricia J. Payne, Crownsville, Maryland, on behalf of the National Council of State Housing Agencies.

Also, committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the President's veto on the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Roberta J. Savage, Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators, Washington, D.C.; William J. Birkhofer, Sverdrup Corp., Arlington, Virginia; and Christopher Tulou, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of H. Martin Lan-

caster, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, USN, for reappointment to the grade of Admiral in the United States Navy, and 6,469 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston and Adm. Joseph W. Prueher (listed above) after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Ralston was introduced by Senator Frist and Mr. Prueher was introduced by Senator Stevens.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Aviation: Senators McCain (Chairman), Pressler, Stevens, Gorton, Burns, Lott, Hutchison, Ashcroft, Frist, Ford, Hollings, Exon, Inouye, Bryan, Rockefeller, Breaux, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Communications: Senators Pressler (Chairman), Stevens, McCain, Burns, Gorton, Lott, Ashcroft, Hutchison, Hollings, Inouye, Ford, Exon, Kerry, Breaux, and Rockefeller.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism: Senators Gorton (Chairman), McCain, Snowe, Ashcroft, Frist, Exon, Ford, Bryan, and Rockefeller.

Subcommittee on Oceans and Fisheries: Senators Stevens (Chairman), Gorton, Snowe, Pressler, Kerry, Inouye, and Breaux.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space: Senators Burns (Chairman), Pressler, Hutchison, Stevens, Lott, Rockefeller, Kerry, Bryan, and Dorgan.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine: Senators Lott (Chairman), Hutchison, Stevens, Burns, Snowe, Frist, Inouye, Exon, Breaux, Dorgan, and Bryan.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 2902–2904 were introduced. **Page H922**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H915**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read and accepted a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Goss to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, January 30. **Page H915**

Legislative Program: Agreed to adjourn from today until Tuesday, January 30 at 12:30 p.m. **Page H915**