

Wednesday, February 7, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Farm Bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1001–S1159

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1563–1566, S. Res. 225, and S. Con. Res. 41. **Page S1083**

Measures Passed:

Farm Bill: By 64 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 19), Senate passed S. 1541, to extend, reform, and improve agricultural commodity, trade, conservation, and other programs, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S1001–59**

Adopted:

(1) Craig (for Leahy/Lugar) Modified Amendment No. 3184, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1001–59**

(2) By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 10), Wellstone (for Kohl) Amendment No. 3442 (to Amendment No. 3184), to eliminate the provision granting consent to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact. **Pages S1001–10, S1035–36**

(3) Brown Modified Amendment No. 3443 (to Amendment No. 3184), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure that private property rights, including water rights, will be recognized and protected in the course of special use permitting decisions for existing water supply facilities. **Pages S1010–12, S1036**

(4) Lugar Modified Amendment No. 3444 (to Amendment No. 3184), to establish oilseed loan rates, to include provisions on trade, research, credit, rural development, and promotion, to restore an authorization for ethanol research, to authorize a Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, to reauthorize the fluid milk promotion program, to authorize the Foreign Market Development Cooperator program, to allow USDA to make adjustments in contract acres, to authorize grants for water and wastewater systems in rural and native villages in Alaska, to provide for a reduced application process for the Indian Reservation Extension Agent program and for equitable par-

ticipation in USDA programs by tribally-controlled colleges, and to make certain further technical and clarifying changes. **Pages S1012–15, S1030**

(5) By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 14), Bryan Amendment No. 3447 (to Amendment No. 3184), to provide that funds made available for the market promotion program may be used to provide cost-share assistance only to small businesses or Capper-Volstead cooperatives and to cap the market promotion program. **Pages S1024–27, S1038–39**

(6) By 57 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 15), Harkin Amendment No. 3448 (to Amendment No. 3184), to amend the eligibility criteria for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program. **Pages S1027–29, S1039**

(7) Ford/Daschle Amendment No. 3449 (to Amendment No. 3184), to provide funds for rural development and related activities. **Pages S1029–30**

(8) Lugar (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3184), to require the Department of Agriculture to allow the private sector to develop farm management plans. **Page S1048**

(9) Lugar (for Graham/Mack) Amendment No. 3454 (to Amendment No. 3184), to provide for the development of a pilot project for crop insurance coverage that indemnified crop losses due to a natural disaster such as insect infestation or disease. **Page S1053**

(10) Lugar (for Santorum) Amendment No. 3455 (to Amendment No. 3184), to establish a farmland protection program. **Pages S1053–54**

(11) Leahy (for Johnston) Amendment No. 3456 (to Amendment No. 3184), to make available to rice producers a price support at a level not less than 50%, or more than 90% of the parity price for rice as the Secretary determines will not result in increasing stocks of rice to the Commodity Credit Corporation. **Page S1054**

(12) Leahy (for Pryor) Amendment No. 3457 (to Amendment No. 3184), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1054**

(13) Leahy (for Boxer) Amendment No. 3458 (to Amendment No. 3184), to express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Agriculture should continue to make methyl bromide alternative research and extension activities a high priority of the Department. **Page S1054**

(14) Leahy (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3459 (to Amendment No. 3184), to reduce uncertainty among farmers as to the status of agricultural lands with respect to environmental and conservation programs. **Page S1054**

(15) Leahy (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3460 (to Amendment No. 3184), to improve the provisions and flexibility relating to rural business and cooperative development. **Page S1054**

(16) Leahy (for Conrad) Amendment No. 3461 (to Amendment No. 3184), to change the land ownership requirement applicable to qualified beginning farmers and ranchers for the purposes of the consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. **Page S1054**

(17) Lugar (for Craig) Amendment No. 3462 (to Amendment No. 3184), to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish standards for the labeling of sheep carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat, or meat food products as lamb or mutton. **Page S1055**

Rejected:

(1) By 37 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 11), Harkin Modified Amendment No. 3445 (to Amendment No. 3184), to strike the section relating to the Commodity Credit Corporation interest rate. **Pages S1015–18, S1036–37**

(2) By 35 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 12), Harkin Amendment No. 3446 (to Amendment No. 3184), to provide for the continued carrying out of the Farmer Owned Reserve program. **Pages S1018, S1037**

(3) Santorum Amendment No. 3225 (to Amendment No. 3184), to reform the peanut program by establishing a national average quota support rate for each of the 1996 through 2000 crops of quota peanuts, and to eliminate the quota for the 2001 and 2002 crops of peanuts. (By 59 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 13), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S1018–23, S1031, S1037–38**

(4) By 35 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 16), Gregg Amendment No. 3450 (to Amendment No. 3184), to strike provisions extending the sugar program. **Pages S1030–35, S1039–40**

(5) By 48 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 17), Dorgan Amendment No. 3451 (to Amendment No. 3184), to require farmers to plant crops to receive Federal payments. **Pages S1040–43, S1052**

(6) By 33 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 18), Daschle Amendment No. 3452 (to Amendment No. 3184), to amend the commodity payment provisions. **Pages S1043–53**

Withdrawn:

Hatch Amendment No. 3277 (to Amendment No. 3184), to permit participating households to use food stamp benefits to purchase nutritional supplements of vitamins, minerals, or vitamins and minerals. **Pages S1049–52**

Max Rosenn U.S. Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1718, to designate the United States courthouse located at 197 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Rosenn United States Courthouse", and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S1077–78**

E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1510, to designate the United States Courthouse in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse", and the bill was then passed. **Page S1078**

Technology Transfer Improvements Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2196, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1078–83**

Dole (for Rockefeller/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 3463, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1078–83**

D.C. Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Page S1158**

Appointments:

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 7, 1996, appointed Senator Akaka to read Washington's Farewell Address on February 26, 1996. **Page S1158**

Messages From the House: **Page S1083**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S1083**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S1083–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1084–86**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S1086–S1151**

Authority for Committees: Page S1151

Additional Statements: Pages S1151–58

Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today.
(Total—19) Pages S1036–40, S1052–53, S1059

Recess: Senate convened at 7:30 a.m., and recessed at 6:44 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Friday, February 9, 1996.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TAIWAN SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs held hearings to examine the current security situation in the Taiwan Strait area, focusing on recent reports of threats by the government of the People's Republic of China toward Taiwan and United States policy with regard to China-Taiwan relations, receiving testimony from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Kurt M. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pa-

cific Affairs; and James Lilley, American Enterprise Institute, Gerrit W. Gong, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Carl W. Ford, Jr., Ford & Associates, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on proposals to repeal the prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment and to reenact certain provisions relating to recommendations by Members of Congress, receiving testimony from Senators Lott and Simon; and James B. King, Director, Office of Personnel Management.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Webster L. Hubbell, former Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice.

Hearings continue tomorrow.