

Wednesday, June 26, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Military Construction Appropriations, 1997.
House Committees ordered reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6971–S7066

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1907–1909, and S. Res. 271 and 272. **Pages S7027, S7029–30**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1730, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make the Act more effective in preventing oil pollution in the Nation's waters through enhanced prevention of, and improved response to, oil spills, and to ensure that citizens and communities injured by oil spills are promptly and fully compensated, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–292)

S. 1815, to provide for improved regulation of the securities markets, eliminate excess securities fees, reduce the costs of investing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–293)

H.R. 1508, to require the transfer of title to the District of Columbia of certain real property in Anacostia Park to facilitate the construction of National Children's Island, a cultural, educational, and family-oriented park. (S. Rept. No. 104–294)

H.R. 2070, to provide for the distribution within the United States of the United States Information Agency film entitled "Fragile Ring of Life".

H.R. 3121, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, with amendments.

H. Con. Res. 160, congratulating the people of the Republic of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections.

S. Res. 271, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the international obligation of the

People's Republic of China to allow an elected legislature in Hong Kong after June 30, 1997.

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Measures Passed:

Church Arson Prevention Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 171), Senate passed H.R. 3525, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Faircloth Amendment No. 4341, in the nature of a substitute.

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Military Construction Appropriations, 1997: Senate passed H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Warner (for Burns) Amendment No. 4362, to make funds available for construction of a consolidated education center in Kentucky, for construction, phase III, at the Western Kentucky Training Site, for construction, phase I, National Range Control Center at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, and for construction of the Underseas Weapons Systems Laboratory at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport, Rhode Island.

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Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Burns, Stevens, Gregg, Campbell, Hatfield, Reid, Inouye, Kohl, and Byrd.

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Technical Change: Senate agreed to S. Res. 272, to amend S. Res. 246 to make a technical change.

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Iranian Baha'i: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 102, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community. **Pages S7065-66**

Land Exchange: Senate passed H.R. 2437, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in Gilpin County, Colorado, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7066**

DOD Authorizations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1745, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, with committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S6905-37, S6945-46, S6949-68, S6971-82, S6988-S7014

Adopted:

Kempthorne Amendment No. 4089, to waive any time limitation that is applicable to awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross to certain persons.

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Warner/Hutchison Amendment No. 4090 (to Amendment No. 4089), to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the stalking of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their immediate families.

Pages S6926-28

Hutchison (for Cohen/Lott) Amendment No. 4293, to authorize funding and multiyear contracting for the Arleigh Burke class destroyer program.

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Nunn Amendment No. 4294, to provide funds for the Computer Emergency Response Team at the Software Engineering Institute.

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Hutchison (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4295, of a technical nature.

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Nunn (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 4296, to provide funding for basic research in nuclear seismic monitoring.

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Hutchison (for Lott) Amendment No. 4297, to specify the grade of the Chief of Naval Research.

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Nunn (for Dorgan/Conrad) Amendment No. 4298, 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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Hutchison (for Thomas) Amendment No. 4299, to provide for a study of Department of Energy liability for damages to natural resources with respect to Department sites covered by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.

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Nunn (for Robb/Warner) Amendment No. 4300, to require information on the proposed funding for

the Guard and Reserve components in the further-years defense programs. **Pages S6912-13**

Hutchison (for Chafee) Amendment No. 4301, relating to shipboard solid waste control. **Page S6913**

Nunn (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 4302, to require that the Secretary of Energy request funds in fiscal year 1998 for the United States portion of the cost of the Greenville Road Improvement Project, Livermore, California. **Page S6913**

Hutchison (for Brown) Amendment No. 4303, to require the Department of Defense to conduct a study to assess the cost savings associated with dismantling and neutralizing chemical munitions in place as opposed to incineration in place.

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Nunn (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 4304, to provide for preventive health care screening of military health care beneficiaries for colon or prostate cancer. **Page S6914**

Hutchison (for Domenici) Amendment No. 4305, to provide funding for the Scorpius space launch technology program. **Pages S6914-15**

Nunn (for Heflin/Shelby) Amendment No. 4306, relating to the retention of civilian employee positions at military training bases transferred to the National Guard. **Page S6915**

Hutchison (for Lott) Amendment No. 4307, to require a report on facilities used for testing launch vehicle engines. **Page S6915**

Hutchison (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4308, to provide an additional exception for the cost limitation for procurement of Seawolf submarines. **Pages S6915-16**

Hutchison (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4309, to strike provisions relating to the disposition of proceeds of certain commissary stores and non-appropriated fund instrumentalities and to amend section 634 to sunset the authority under that section to pay annuities. **Pages S6916-17**

Nunn (for Kennedy/Coats) Amendment No. 4310, to state the sense of the Senate on Department of Defense sharing of its experiences under military youth programs. **Page S6917**

Nunn (for Kennedy/Coats) Amendment No. 4311, to state the sense of the Senate on Department of Defense sharing of experiences with military child care. **Page S6918**

Hutchison (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4312, to exclude members of the Selected Reserve assigned to the Selective Service System from the limitation on end strength of members of the Selected Reserve and to limit the number of members of the Armed Forces who may be assigned to the Selective Service System. **Page S6918**

Hutchison (for Hatfield/Wyden) Amendment No. 4313, relating to the participation of the State of

Oregon in remedial actions at the Hanford Reservation, Washington. **Pages S6918–20**

Hutchison (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 4314, to express the sense of the Congress relating to redesignation of the Defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program. **Page S6920**

Nunn (for Simon/Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 4315, to require the Secretary of the Army to complete as soon as practicable the previously authorized land conveyances involving Fort Sheridan, Illinois. **Page S6920**

Hutchison (for Smith/Gregg) Amendment No. 4316, to authorize a land conveyance of the site of the Crafts Brothers Reserve Training Center, to Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire. **Pages S6920–21**

Hutchison (for Gorton) Amendment No. 4317, to provide for the treatment of the Hanford Reservation, Washington, and other Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities as sites of demonstration projects for the clean-up of Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities. **Pages S6921–23**

Hutchison (for Gorton) Amendment No. 4318, to provide funds for the construction and improvement of certain reserve facilities in the State of Washington. **Page S6923**

Hutchison (for Thurmond/Nunn) Amendment No. 4319, to increase penalties for certain traffic offenses on military installations. **Pages S6923–24**

Hutchison (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4320, to extend the term of the remaining transitional member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. **Page S6924**

Hutchison (for Kyl/Bingaman) Amendment No. 4321, to prohibit the collection and release of detailed satellite imagery with respect to Israel and other countries and areas. **Pages S6924–25**

Nunn (for Leahy) Amendment No. 4322, to make funds available for research, development, test, and evaluation activities relating to humanitarian demining technologies. **Pages S6925–26**

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 174), Thurmond/Nunn Amendment No. 4346, to reduce the total funding authorized in the bill for the national defense function to the level provided in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for fiscal year 1997. **Pages S6960–61, S6967–68**

Warner Amendment No. 4351, to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Army to carry out the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Initiative. **Page S7001**

Nunn (for Johnston/Breaux) Amendment No. 4352, to require a transfer to the Army of jurisdic-

tion over certain lands in the Vernon Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana. **Pages S7001–04**

Warner (for DeWine) Amendment No. 4353, to authorize a land conveyance to the Columbus, Ohio Municipal Airport Authority. **Page S7004**

Nunn (for Ford) Amendment No. 4354, to provide funds for phase II construction of the Consolidated Education Center at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and for phase III construction of the Western Kentucky Training Site. **Pages S7004–05**

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 4355 (to Amendment No. 4354), to provide that funds may not be obligated or expended for the project if the project is not included in the current further-years defense program of the Department of Defense. **Page S7005**

Nunn (for Robb/Warner) Amendment No. 4356, relating to the transfer of lands at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, in order to place conditions on the transfer of certain lands. **Pages S7005–06**

Nunn (for Lieberman/Nunn) Amendment No. 4357, to authorize funding for the Corps surface-to-air missile (SAM)/Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS) program at the level requested by the President. **Pages S7006–07**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 4358, to prohibit certain actions relating to the reorganization of the Army ROTC pending a report on the Army ROTC. **Pages S7007–09**

Nunn (for Byrd) Amendment No. 4359, to provide service credit for service as senior ROTC cadets and midshipmen in the Simultaneous Membership Program. **Page S7009**

Nunn (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4360, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to accept less than full reimbursement of costs under the agreement for instruction of civilian students at the Foreign Language Center of the Defense Language Institute. **Page S7009**

Nunn (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 4361, to provide additional pension security for spouses and former spouses of civil service employees with respect to the military service of such employees. **Pages S7009–10**

Thurmond Amendment No. 4254, to allow the Director of Central Intelligence to provide input for consideration by the Secretary of Defense in preparation of his annual evaluations of the Department of Defense intelligence agency heads, and to establish the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. **Page S7010**

Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 65 nays (Vote No. 172), Wellstone Amendment No. 4266, to limit the total amount authorized to be appropriated by the bill to the

amount requested by the President and to apply the excess to budget deficit reduction.

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By 45 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 173), Exon Amendment No. 4345, to ensure that the total amount authorized to be appropriated by the bill does not exceed the total amount of the authorizations of appropriations reported by the Committee on Armed Services.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 4347, to restore funding for certain educational and employment assistance programs to levels requested by the President. (By 60 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 175), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Kyl/Reid Amendment No. 4049, to authorize underground nuclear testing under limited conditions. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 176), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Nunn/Lugar Amendment No. 4349, to authorize funds to establish measures to protect the security of the United States from proliferation and use of weapons on mass destruction.

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Warner (for Pressler/Daschle) Amendment No. 4350, to express the sense of the Congress on naming one of the new attack submarine the "South Dakota".

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

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 170), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, June 27, 1996, with a vote on Amendment No. 4349, listed above, to occur thereon, following which Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the bill.

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

Agreement Concerning Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (Treaty Doc. 104–24) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–20)

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International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 104–27) (Exec. Rept. No. 104–21)

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the Aeronautics and Space Report of the President for fiscal year 1995 Activities; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–156).

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

John W. Hechinger, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Marcia E. Miller, of Indiana, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for the term expiring December 16, 2003.

Vicky A. Bailey, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2001.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Messages From the President:

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Communications:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—176)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:34 p.m., until 8:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 27, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6968.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PUHCA REPEAL

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 1317, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, establish a limited regulatory framework covering public utility holding companies, and eliminate duplicative regulation.

COMMERCE ONLINE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space resumed hearings on S. 1726, to promote electronic