

Tuesday, July 9, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Small Business Job Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7421–S7505

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1933–1936, and S. Res. 277. **Page S7492**

Measures Passed:

Small Business Job Protection Act: By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 186), Senate passed H.R. 3448, to provide tax relief for small businesses, to protect jobs, to create opportunities, and to increase the take home pay of workers, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7421–69**

Adopted:

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 185), Roth Modified Amendment No. 4436, to modify certain small business provisions, to address certain pension simplification issues, to provide a further extension of certain expiring tax provisions, to allow certain teaching hospitals to provide tax-free academic housing to faculty and medical and nursing students, to establish revenue offsets, and to make certain technical corrections. **Pages S7423–24, S7466–68**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 183), Bond Amendment No. 4272, to modify the payment of wages provisions. **Pages S7467–68**

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 184), Kennedy Amendment No. 4435, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the minimum wage rate and to exempt computer professionals from the minimum wage and maximum hour requirements, and to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles. **Page S7468**

Land Conveyance: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary

of Agriculture to convey lands to the City of Rolla, Missouri, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7502**

Private Relief: Senate passed H.R. 419, for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., clearing the measure for the President. **Page S7502**

Teamwork for Employees and Management Act: Senate began consideration of S. 295, to permit labor management cooperative efforts that improve America's economic competitiveness to continue to thrive, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7469–89**

Pending:

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 4437, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7470–73, S7484–85**

Kassebaum Amendment No. 4438, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S7482–84**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto, on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, with votes to occur thereon.

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

Transmitting the report of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal years 1994 and 1995; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–157). **Page S7489**

Transmitting the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 1995; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–158). **Page S7489**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S7505**

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Petitions: **Pages S7490–92**
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 Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7494–99**
 Authority for Committees: **Page S7499**
 Additional Statements: **Pages S7499–S7501**
 Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
 (Total—186) **Pages S7467–68**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m., until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 10, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7505.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Andrew S. Effron, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Robb, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SAUDI ARABIA BOMBING REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in open and closed sessions to receive a report on the bomb-

ing of United States military facilities in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996 from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gen. J. H. Binford Peay, III, USA, Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command.

Committee recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

TERRORISM: SAUDI ARABIA/BEIRUT

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine the incidents of terrorism and bombing of United States military facilities in Saudi Arabia and Beirut, focusing on reports of the Long Commission, which investigated the bombings, and lessons learned on intelligence support and counterterrorism programs, receiving testimony from Adm. Robert Long, USN (Ret.), Chairman, Long Commission; Lt. Gen. Mick Trainor, USMC (Ret.), former Deputy Chief of Operations for the Marine Corps; Col. Pat Lang, USA (Ret.), former Defense Intelligence Officer for the Middle East; and Robert Murray, Center for Naval Analysis, Washington, D.C., former Member of the Long Commission.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3758–3766 were introduced. **Page H7154**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2428, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law, amended (H. Rept. 104–661);

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of H.R. 3755 making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–662);

H. Res. 473, providing for consideration of H.R. 3754 making appropriations for the Legislative

Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–663); and

H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage (H. Rept. 104–664). **Page H7154**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:51 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7120**

Defense and Security Assistance: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to 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, and to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H7122–24**

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Armored Car Reciprocity: H.R. 3431, to amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to