

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7839–S7919

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1953–1962. **Page S7887**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–319)

S. 1959, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. (S. Rept. No. 104–320)

S. 391, to authorize and direct the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to undertake activities to halt and reverse the decline in forest health on Federal lands, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–321)

S. 901, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of certain water reclamation and reuse projects and desalination research and development projects, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–322)

S. 1956, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. **Pages S7886–87**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Minors to Load Materials into Balers and Compactors: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1114, to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7912–14**

Lott (for Harkin/Craig) Amendment No. 4587, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7912–14**

Iran Oil Sanctions Act: Senate passed H.R. 3107, to impose sanctions on persons making certain investments directly and significantly contributing to

the enhancement of the ability of Iran or Libya to develop its petroleum resources, and on persons exporting certain items that enhance Libya's weapons or aviation capabilities or enhance Libya's ability to develop its petroleum resources, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7917**

Lott (for Kennedy/D'Amato) Amendment No. 4588, to make sanctions against investment that contribute to the development of Libya's petroleum resources mandatory rather than discretionary.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: From the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Senators D'Amato, Mack, and Sarbanes; and from the Committee on Finance: Senators Roth and Moynihan. **Page S7917**

Nuclear Waste Policy: Senate began consideration S. 1936, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. **Pages S7839–48, S7850–77, S7914–16, S7918–19**

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

By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Pages S7839–48**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, by unanimous-consent agreement, the vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, July 25, 1996. **Page S7916**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard J. Stern, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000.

Joseph A. Greenaway, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

LeVar Burton, of California, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2000.

Luis Valdez, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2000.

Marciene S. Mattleman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, for a term expiring October 12, 1998.

Lawrence E. Kahn, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Victor H. Ashe, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2000.

Alan G. Lowry, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring May 29, 2001.

Reynaldo Flores Macias, of California, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring September 22, 1998.

Doris B. Holleb, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Reginald Earl Jones, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2000.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—193) Page S7848

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7917.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR/ENERGY AND WATER

Committee on Appropriations: Committed ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fis-

cal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments; and

An original bill (S. 1959) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

AUTHORIZATION—EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; Susan Staub, Pennsylvanians for Right to Work, Harrisburg; and Michelle Easton, Virginia State Board of Education, Richmond.

OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1956) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997.

DATE-RAPE DRUG ABUSE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and Peace Corps Affairs concluded hearings on proposed legislation to increase penalties for the misuse of certain controlled substances, focusing on the abuse and trafficking of the drug Rohypnol to commit sexual assault, after receiving testimony from Senator Biden; Representative Solomon; Terrance W. Woodworth, Deputy Director, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Maria Herrera, Supervisory Special Agent, Office of Strategic Problem Solving, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; David Robshaw, Broward County Sheriff's Office, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Robert B. Armstrong, Roche Laboratories Inc., Nutley, New Jersey, on behalf of Hoffmann-La Roche; Lisa Celestin, Coral Springs, Florida; and Joy Diliello, and Daniel Redding, both of Jackson, Tennessee.

TENTH AMENDMENT ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings on S. 1629, to protect the rights of the States and the people from abuse by the Federal