

Thursday, September 26, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sustained President's veto of Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

House agreed to Water Resources Development Act Conference Report.

House took action on 39 measures.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11335–S11468*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2132–2135, and S. Res. 301 and 302. **Page S11426**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:  
S. 1359, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain authorities relating to management and contracting in the provision of health care services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–372) **Page S11426**

#### Measures Passed:

*NIH Authorizations:* Senate passed S. 1897, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs relating to the National Institutes of Health, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11391–S11401**

Lott (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 5404, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11397–S11400**

*Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act:* Senate passed S. 1505, to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids, after agreeing to a modified committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11451–54**

*Supreme Court Authority Extension:* Senate passed S. 2100, to provide for the extension of certain authority for the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police. **Page S11455**

*Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments:* Senate passed S. 1962, to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11455–60**

Lott (for McCain) Amendment No. 5405, to make technical corrections. **Page S11455**

*Production of Committee Records:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 302, to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Indian Affairs. **Page S11460**

*Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:* Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3458, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1791, Senate companion measure. **Pages S11460–62**

Subsequently, S. 1791 was returned to the Senate calendar. **Page S11461**

*Wildlife Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act:* Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 2078, to authorize the sale of excess Department of Defense aircraft to facilitate the suppression of wildfire, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S11462**

Lott (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 5406, to authorize the sale of excess Department of Defense aircraft to facilitate the suppression of wildfire. **Page S11462**

*Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute:* Senate passed S. 1973, to provide for the settlement of the Navajo-Hopi land dispute, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11462–68**

Lott (for McCain) Amendment No. 5407, to provide a definition of newly acquired trust lands. **Pages S11465–66**

Lott (for McCain) Amendment No. 5408, to make a technical change. **Pages S11465–66**

Lott (for McCain) Amendment No. 5409, to provide for neither the Navajo Nation nor the Navajo families residing upon Hopi Partitioned Lands were parties to or signers of the Settlement Agreement between the United States and the Hopi Tribe. **Pages S11465–66**

Lott (for McCain) Amendment No. 5410, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands into trust in an expeditious manner. **Pages S11465–66**

Lott (for McCain) Amendment No. 5411, to provide for statutory interpretation and water rights. **Pages S11465–66**

**Veto—Partial-Birth Abortion Ban:** By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 301), two-thirds of the Senators voting not having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, upon reconsideration, was rejected, and the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S11337–61, S11366–89**

**Illegal Immigration Reform Conference Report—Cloture Motion Filed:** A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, and to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, September 30, 1996. **Pages S11450–51**

#### Appointments:

*Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:* The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, appointed Dr. Robert C. Khayat, of Mississippi, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term effective October 1, 1996. **Page S11454**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S11424–25**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S11425**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S11435–42**

**Authority for Committees:** **Pages S11442–43**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11443–50**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—301) **Page S11389**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 27, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11468.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

*Committee on Appropriations/Special Committee on Aging:* Committees concluded joint hearings to examine efforts to improve the health of all Americans through biomedical and behavioral research, focusing on health care cost savings resulting from medical research, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, Maryland), Department of Health and Human Services; Gen. Norman H. Schwarzkopf, USA (Ret.), Tampa, Florida; Tadataka Yamada, SmithKline Beecham, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Gastroenterological Association; Jess G. Thoene, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on behalf of the National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc.; Robert Lindsay, Helen Hayes Hospital, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Osteoporosis Foundation; Mary Woolley, Research! America, Alexandria, Virginia; Francis Harper, Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, and Daniel Perry, Alliance for Aging Research, both of Washington, D.C.; Joan I. Samuelson, Santa Rosa, California, on behalf of the Parkinson's Action Network; Rod Carew, Los Angeles, California; Travis Roy, Yarmouth, Maine; and Zenia Kim, Beaverton, Oregon.

### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings to examine efforts by the Federal land management agencies to strengthen the National Environmental Policy Act decision making process, after receiving testimony from Kathleen A. McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Nancy K. Hayes, Chief of Staff and Counselor, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.