

Friday, July 11, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed DOD Authorizations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7227-S7400

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1008-1010. **Page S7302**

Measures Passed:

DOD Authorizations: By 94 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 173), Senate passed S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 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, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Domenici/Bingaman Amendment No. 803, to enable the County of Los Alamos, New Mexico to function without annual assistance payments under the Atomic Energy Communities Act of 1955 through economic development with additional positive impact to the Pueblo of San Indefonso.

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Stevens Amendment No. 764, to establish the position of Senior Representative of the National Guard Bureau as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 804, to limit the total cost of the F-22 fighter production program.

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Levin Modified Amendment No. 802 (to Amendment No. 759), to express the sense of Congress regarding a follow-on force for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Pages S7240-48

Feingold Amendment No. 759, to limit the use of funds for deployment of ground forces of the Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina after June 30, 1998, or a date fixed by statute, whichever is later, as amended.

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Levin Amendment No. 805, to achieve savings in the cost of the CVN-77 nuclear aircraft carrier program.

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Kerry Modified Amendment No. 680, to require an intelligence analysis of POW/MIA issues.

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Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 669, to provide funds for the bioassay testing of veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service.

Pages S7261, S7266

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 753, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the options available to the Department of Defense for the disposal of chemical weapons and agents.

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Kyl Modified Amendment No. 607, to impose a limitation on the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for destruction of chemical weapons.

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Kyl Modified Amendment No. 605, to advise the President and Congress regarding the safety, security, and reliability of United States Nuclear weapons stockpile.

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Dodd Amendment No. 762, to establish a plan to provide appropriate health care to Persian Gulf veterans who suffer from a Gulf War illness.

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Dodd Amendment No. 763, to express the sense of the Congress in gratitude to Governor Chris Patten for his efforts to develop democracy in Hong Kong.

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Reid Amendment No. 772, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to make available \$2,000,000 for the development and deployment of counter-landmine technologies.

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Thurmond (for Wyden) Modified Amendment No. 594, to consolidate and strengthen restrictions on the use of human test subjects in biological and chemical weapons research.

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Thurmond (for Warner) Modified Amendment No. 595, to require a report on procedures for providing information and assistance to families of victims of Department of Defense aviation accidents.

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Thurmond (for Dodd) Modified Amendment No. 598, to establish a plan to provide appropriate health care to Persian Gulf veterans who suffer from a Gulf War illness.

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Thurmond (for Helms) Amendment No. 626, to provide for a land conveyance of parcels of land located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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Thurmond (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 628, to require a report on options for the disposal of chemical weapons and agents.

Pages S7261, S7265

Thurmond (for Boxer) Amendment No. 638, to authorize appropriations for the Greenville Road Improvement Project, Livermore, California.

Pages S7261, S7265-66

Thurmond (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 659, to provide for funding of the NATO Joint Surveillance/Target Attack Radar System.

Pages S7261, S7266

Thurmond (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 671, to require a study concerning the provision of certain comparative information to TRICARE beneficiaries.

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Thurmond (for Kerry) Amendment No. 681, to establish authority concerning the disposal of assets under cooperative agreements on air defense in Central Europe.

Pages S7261, S7266

Thurmond (for Thompson/Frist) Amendment No. 707, to designate the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge as the National Prototype Center.

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Thurmond (for Sessions) Modified Amendment No. 714, to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an explosive munitions demilitarization demonstration program.

Pages S7261, S7267-68

Thurmond (for Coverdell) Modified Amendment No. 729, to require the concurrence of the Secretary of State for providing Department of Defense support for counter-drug activities of Peru and Colombia, and to limit the authority to provide such support pending a plan for a riverine counter-drug program.

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Thurmond (for Craig) Amendment No. 743, to establish and authorize the issuance of the Cold War service medal.

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Thurmond (for Warner) Amendment No. 752, to provide for the assignment of an officer in the grade of O-7 or above to the position of defense attaché in France.

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Thurmond (for Domenici/Bingaman) Amendment No. 761, to enable the Los Alamos, New Mexico Schools to function without annual assistance payments under the Atomic Energy Communities Act

of 1955 through alternative funding sources with additional positive impact to areas close to Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Pages S7261, S7268-69

Thurmond Amendment No. 806, to authorize contracting for procurements of capital assets before funds are available in working-capital funds for such procurements.

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Thurmond (for DeWine) Amendment No. 807, to delete the authority to convey the B-17 aircraft under section 1070 without consideration.

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Thurmond (for Chafee) Amendment No. 808, to establish at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center a pilot program of higher education with respect to the administration of business relationships between the Federal Government and the private sector.

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Thurmond (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 809, to provide funds for the operation of Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

Pages S7261, S7270

Thurmond (for Cleland) Amendment No. 810, to authorize \$12,000,000 to be set aside for contracted training flight services.

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Thurmond (for Kyl) Amendment No. 811, to ensure the President and Congress receive unencumbered advice from the directors of the national laboratories, the members of the Nuclear Weapons Council, and the commander of the United States Strategic Command regarding the safety, security, and reliability of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile.

Pages S7261, S7271

Thurmond (for Moynihan/D'Amato) Amendment No. 812, to authorize a land conveyance, Hancock Field, Syracuse, New York.

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Thurmond (for Baucus) Amendment No. 813, to authorize a land conveyance, Havre Air Force Station, Montana, and Havre Training Site, Montana.

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Thurmond (for Bingaman/Kyl) Amendment No. 814, to authorize the production of tritium in commercial facilities.

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Thurmond (for Glenn/McCain) Amendment No. 815, to require the screening of real property authorized or required to be conveyed by the Department of Defense.

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Thurmond (for Rockefeller) Amendment No. 816, to make available \$15,000,000 for the DOD/VA Cooperative Research Program.

Pages S7261, S7273-74

Thurmond (for Coats) Amendment No. 817, to express the sense of the Senate that the process of enlarging the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be a continuous process.

Pages S7261, S7274-75

Thurmond (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 818, to provide for research, development, test, and evaluation of Multitechnology Integration in Mixed-Mode Electronics.

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Thurmond Amendment No. 819, to authorize a multiyear contract for the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV).
Pages S7261, S7275-76

Thurmond (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 820, to require the Secretary of the Air Force to conduct a cost and operation effectiveness analysis regarding ALR radar warning receivers.
Pages S7261, S7276

Thurmond (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 821, to provide \$5,000,000 for a facial recognition technology program.
Pages S7261, S7276

Thurmond (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 822, to require a report on the Joint Statement on Parameters on Future Reductions in Nuclear Forces issued at Helsinki in March 1997.
Pages S7261, S7276-77

Thurmond (for Snowe) Amendment No. 823, to state the sense of the Senate relating to the utilization of savings derived from the base closure process.
Pages S7261, S7277-78

Thurmond (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 824, to conform limits for Department of Energy General Plant Projects to recommendations from the Department contained in a Congressionally mandated report on the subject.
Pages S7261, S7278

Thurmond Amendment No. 825, to provide for a pilot program relating to use of proceeds from the disposal or utilization of certain Department of Energy assets for activities funded by the defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management account.
Pages S7261, S7278

Thurmond (for Graham) Amendment No. 826, to require the Secretary of Defense to assess and report on the Cuban threat to United States national security.
Pages S7261, S7278-79

Thurmond (for Sarbanes) Amendment No. 827, to require a report on fire protection and hazardous materials protection at Fort Meade, Maryland.
Pages S7261, S7279

Thurmond (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 828, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to enter into an agreement to provide police, fire protection, and other services at property formerly associated with Red River Depot, Texas.
Pages S7261, S7279

Thurmond (for McCain) Amendment No. 829, to require additional information to be included in the annual report on activities of the General Accounting Office.
Pages S7261, S7279-80

Thurmond (for Chafee) Amendment No. 830, to require a report on administrative actions adversely affecting military training or other readiness activities.
Pages S7261, S7280-81

Thurmond (for Graham) Amendment No. 831, to recognize the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies as an institution of the National Defense University.
Pages S7261, S7281

Thurmond (for Murray) Amendment No. 832, to authorize additional environmental restoration

projects for the Department of Energy and to modify the amount authorized for certain other environmental restoration projects of the Department.
Pages S7261, S7281-82

Thurmond (for McCain) Amendment No. 833, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to grant a blanket waiver of the applicability of certain domestic source requirements to a foreign country so as not to impede cooperative projects or reciprocal procurements of defense items with such country.
Pages S7261, S7282

Thurmond (for Coats) Amendment No. 834, to convert the one-time report on aircraft inventory to an annual report.
Pages S7261, S7282

Thurmond (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 835, to require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe regulations restricting the quantity of alcoholic beverages that is available through Department of Defense sources for the use of Department of Defense personnel overseas.
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Thurmond (for Daschle) Amendment No. 836, to require a report to Congress assessing dependence on foreign sources for certain resistors and capacitors.
Pages S7261, S7283

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 171), Bingaman Modified Amendment No. 799, to increase the funding for Navy and Air Force flying hours, and to offset the increase by reducing the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Space-Based Laser program in excess of the amount requested by the President.
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By 19 yeas to 79 nays (Vote No. 172), Feingold Amendment No. 677, to require the Secretary of Defense to select one of the three new tactical fighter aircraft programs to recommend for termination.
Pages S7228-31, S7233-34

Withdrawn:

Coverdell (for Inhofe/Coverdell/Cleland) Amendment No. 423, to define depot-level maintenance and repair, to limit contracting for depot-level maintenance and repair at installations approved for closure or realignment in 1995, and to modify authorities and requirements relating to the performance of core logistics functions.
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Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 666, to provide for the transfer of funds for Federal Pell Grants.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives with regard to S. 936, that the Senate be deemed to have disagreed to the amendment(s) to the Senate-passed bill, that the Senate request or agree to a conference with the House thereon, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.
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DOD Authorizations: Senate passed H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 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, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 936, as passed by the Senate.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Thurmond, Warner, McCain, Coats, Smith, Kempthorne, Inhofe, Santorum, Snowe, Roberts, Levin, Kennedy, Bingaman, Glenn, Byrd, Robb, Lieberman, and Cleland.

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National Cave and Karst Research Institute: Senate passed S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New York.

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George Mason Memorial: Senate passed S. 423, to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason.

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Property Acquisition: Senate passed S. 669, to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

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National Peace Garden: Senate passed S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial.

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Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York: Senate passed H.R. 2018, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York, clearing the measure for the President.

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Department of Defense Appropriations-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1005, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, on Monday, July 14, 1997.

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Nomination Considered: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, July 14, 1997, at 6 p.m.

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Appointments:

National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority

Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-18, appointed William D. Hansen, of Virginia, Frances M. Norris, of Virginia, and William E. Troutt, of Tennessee, to serve as members of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

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National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-18, appointed Robert V. Burns, of South Dakota, and Clare M. Cotton, of Massachusetts, to serve as members of the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education.

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

Transmitting the report of the study on the operation and effect of the North American Free Trade Agreement; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-50).

Pages S7297-98

Transmitting the report of the Council of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request Act of 1997; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-51).

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Transmitting the report of the National Endowment for the Art for calendar year 1996; referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. (PM-52).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

August Schumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1994.

Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1986.

Thomas E. Scott, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

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Messages From the President:

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Communications:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Authority for Committees: Page S7311

Additional Statements: Pages S7311–17

Text of S. 936 as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
(Total—173) Pages S7233–34, S7283

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 3:10 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, July 14, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7319.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE/JUSTICE/STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary approved for

full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

APPROPRIATIONS—TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Treasury, United States Postal Service, and General Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued mark up of S. 10, to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, and punish and deter violent gang crime, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, July 15.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 2151–2157; were introduced. Page H5177

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–175). Page H5177

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Snowbarger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H5133

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: The House completed debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 2107, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments on Thursday, July 10.

Pages H5137–68

Rejected:

The Klug amendment, debated on July 10, that sought to reduce funding for the clean coal tech-

nology program by \$292 million by increasing the amount rescinded by that amount (rejected by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 264).

Pages H5137–38

The Royce amendment, debated on July 10, that sought to reduce funding for fossil energy research and development programs by \$21 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 265); and

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The Ehlers amendment that sought to provide \$80 million to terminate the National Endowment for the Arts and establish the Art for Kids Act with grants to state art councils and local education agencies to support the arts (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 266).

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A point of order was sustained against language in the bill that provides \$10 million for the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Votes Postponed:

The Chabot amendment that sought to terminate the funding of \$110 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities (the vote was postponed until Tuesday, July 15).

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