

Saturday, November 8, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Labor/HHS Appropriations Conference Report.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S12073-S12215*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1457-1492, S. Res. 148 and 149, and S. Con. Res. 66. Pages S12118-19

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998." S. Rept. No. 105-145)

S. 156, to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-146)

S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995. (S. Rept. No. 105-147)

H.R. 1658, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105-148)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Adoption Promotion Act:** Senate passed H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12198-S12202

Craig Amendment No. 1614, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S12198-S12201

**National Voluntary Mutual Reunion:** Senate passed S. 1487, to establish a National Voluntary Mutual Reunion. Page S12202

**Private Relief:** Senate passed S. 508, to provide for the relief of Mai Hoa "Jasmin" Salehi. Page S12203

**Private Relief:** Senate passed S. 857, for the relief of Roma Salobrit. Page S12203

**Private Relief:** Senate passed S. 1304, for the relief of Belinda McGregor, after agreeing to committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S12203

Craig (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1615, to provide for a diversity immigrant visa for fiscal year 1998. Page S12203

**Private Relief:** Senate passed H.R. 2731, for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12203

**Private Relief:** Senate passed H.R. 2732, for the relief of John Andre Chalot, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S12203-04

**Asian Elephant Conservation:** Senate passed H.R. 1787, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, clearing the measure for the President. Page S12204

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 66, to correct the enrollment of S. 399. Page S12204

**Federal Charter Repeal:** Senate passed H.R. 497, to amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S12204-05

Craig (for Thompson) Amendment No. 1616, to make a technical correction. Page S12205

**Russian Religious Law:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 58, expressing the concern of Congress over Russia's newly passed religion law. Pages S12205-06

**Transportation Laws Codification:** Senate passed H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change

laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Diplomatic Immunity Report:** Senate passed S. 759, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress concerning diplomatic immunity, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Aviation Insurance Program Authorization:** Senate passed S. 1193, to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**National Family Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 93, designating the week beginning November 23, 1997, and the week beginning on November 22, 1998, as "National Family Week".

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**Uniform Relocation Assistance Reform:** Senate passed S. 1258, to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act, after agreeing to a committee amendment, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Craig (for Bennett) Amendment No. 1617, to make a technical correction.

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**Ohio Land Conveyance:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1347, to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city, and the bill was then passed.

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**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Conference Report:** By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 298), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President.

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**Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track:** Senate resumed consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1594, to establish an emergency commission to end the trade deficit.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 1602, to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act.

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Reed Amendment No. 1613, to establish that the principal negotiating objective of the United States regarding the environment is to promote adherence to internationally recognized environmental standards.

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**Export-Import Bank Authorizations—Conference Report:** Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1026, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Ernestine P. Watlington, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

John T. Broderick, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years.

Olivia A. Golden, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Rodney W. Sippel, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Nancy-Ann Minn DeParle, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration.

Terry D. Garcia, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Ela Yazzie-King, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1999.

Bruce C. Kauffman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Eva M. Plaza, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

G. Douglas Jones, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Robert M. Walker, of Tennessee, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Jerry MacArthur Hultin, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Peter J. Hurtgen, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2001.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 1997.

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Robert M. McNamara, Jr., of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999.

7 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

24 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Navy. Pages S12214–15

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Cyril Kent McGuire, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999.

Mozelle Willmont Thompson, of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1996.

Orson Swindle, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1997.

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Donna Tanoue, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring October 3, 2000.

Ronald M. Gould, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Barry G. Silverman, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Sam A. Lindsay, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999, which was received by the Senate on October 28, 1997.

Sara McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000, which was received by the Senate on January 9, 1997.

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S12189–S12202

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—298) Pages S12094–95

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Sunday, November 9, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12210.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS—DC/FOREIGN OPERATIONS/COMMERCE/JUSTICE/STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee met and approved a committee amendment making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia, foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, and the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. (As approved by the committee, the amendment will be offered as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations Act (pending on Senate Calendar).)

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported 1,304 military nominations in the Navy.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 2928–2975; 1 private bill, H.R. 2976; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 103, H. Con. Res. 190–191, and H. Res. 313, 315–316, were introduced. **Pages H10418–21**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 1997 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 105–393);

H. Res. 314, waiving provisions of clause 4(b) rule XI with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee (H. Rept. 105–394);

H.R. 1544, to prevent Federal agencies from pursuing policies of unjustifiable non-acquiescence in, and re-litigation of, precedents established in the Federal judicial circuits, amended (H. Rept. 105–395);

H.J. Res. 96, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact (H. Rept. 105–396);

H.R. 1625, to ensure that workers have sufficient information about their rights regarding the payment of dues or fees to labor organizations and the uses of employee dues and fees by labor organizations, amended (H. Rept. 105–397); and

H.R. 2259, to provide for a transfer of land interests in order to facilitate surface transportation between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska (H. Rept. 105–398). **Page H10418**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10349**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Friday, November 8, by a ye and nay vote of 345 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 616. **Pages H10349–50**

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

**Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 2534, amended, to reform, extend, and repeal certain agricultural research

extension, and education programs (passed by a ye and nay vote of 291 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 618); **Pages H10354–71, H10384**

**Tactile Currency for the Blind and Visually Impaired:** H. Res. 122, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding tactile currency for the blind and visually impaired. **Pages H10371–72**

**Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997:** S. 813, to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10372–74**

**Technical Corrections to the American Legion Act:** S. 1377, to amend the Act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H10374**

**Disapprove Military Construction Appropriations Line Item Veto:** H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45 (passed by ye and nay vote of 352 yeas to 64 nays, Roll No. 617); **Pages H10374–84**

**Reading Excellence Act:** H.R. 2614, amended, to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade; **Pages H10386–98**

**Restore Two Line-Item-Vetoed Provisions of Taxpayer Relief Act:** H.R. 2513, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the nonrecognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives. Subsequently, H.R. 2444, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on August 11, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–34, was laid on the table. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H10398–H10406**

**Congressional Medal of Honor to Robert R. Ingram:** H.R. 2813, to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 619);

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Chair ruled that H.Res. 315, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 193 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 620.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Agreed to the Armeys motion to adjourn by a yeas and nays vote of 233 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 621.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10350 and H10386.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10349–50, H10383–84, H10384, H10408–09, H10409–10, and H10410–11. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:00 noon and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported before November 11, 1997, providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The waiver also applies to a special rule reported before November 11, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The waiver also applies to a special rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2621) to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements. The rule provides that the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time before November 11, 1997 provided that the object of the motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered and that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader in scheduling legislation under this authority to suspend the rules.

### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

1 p.m., Sunday, November 9

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Sunday, November 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Sunday:** Senate will consider omnibus appropriations legislation, any conference reports that become available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Sunday:** Consideration of H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997 (closed rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of Suspension measures; and  
Consideration of H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997 (Subject to a Rule).

NOTE: *Suspensions May Be Brought up with an Hour's Notice.*

*Appropriations Conference Reports May Be Brought up at Any Time.*

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