

Wednesday, July 29, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

- House passed H.R. 4194, VA, HUD Appropriations.
- House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 629, Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.
- House passed H.R. 3506, to awarded a Congressional Gold Medal to Gerald and Betty Ford.
- House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4059, Military Construction Appropriations.
- House passed H.R. 4328, Transportation Appropriations.
- House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2368-2370, and S. Res. 259. Page S9243

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 1222, to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105-273)

Report to accompany S. 512, to amend Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud. (S. Rept. No. 105-274)

S. 1978, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium". (S. Rept. No. 105-275)

H.R. 3453, to designate the Federal Building and Post Office located at 100 East B Street, Casper, Wyoming, as the "Dick Cheney Federal Building". Page S9243

Measures Passed:

Lao People's Democratic Republic Human Rights: Senate agreed to S. Res. 240, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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Afghanistan Human Rights: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 97, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan, after agreeing to committee amendments. Page S9318

Food Bank Volunteers: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3152, to provide that certain volunteers at private non-profit food banks are not employees for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. Page S9318

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations, 1999: Senate continued consideration of S. 2312, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Thompson Amendment No. 3353, to require the addition of use of forced or indentured child labor to the list of grounds on which a potential contractor may be debarred or suspended from eligibility for award of a Federal Government contract.

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Abraham Modified Amendment No. 3362, to require Federal agencies to assess the impact of policies and regulations on families.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3373 (to amendment No. 3362), to prevent Congress from enacting legislation which fails to address the legislation's impact on family well-being and on children.

Pages S9201, S9207-09

Campbell (for Mack/Graham) Amendment No. 3363, to provide for a land conveyance to the University of Miami, comprising the United States Naval Observatory/Alternate Time Service Laboratory.

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Campbell (for Jeffords/Landrieu/Dodd/Kohl) Amendment No. 3364, to establish requirements for the provision of child care in Federal facilities.

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Hatch/Biden Amendment No. 3367, to extend the authorization for the Office of National Drug Control Policy until September 30, 2002, and to expand the responsibilities and powers of the Director of National Drug Control Policy.

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DeWine Amendment No. 3354, to prohibit the use of funds to pay for an abortion or pay for the administrative expenses in connection with certain health plans that provide coverage for abortions.

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Campbell (for Graham) Amendment No. 3368, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain Haitian nationals.

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Campbell (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3369, to express the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued honoring Oskar Schindler.

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Reid (for Snowe/Reid) Modified Amendment No. 3370, to improve access to FDA-approved prescription contraceptives or devices.

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Reid Amendment No. 3371 (to Amendment No. 3370), to provide a rule of construction relating to coverage.

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Campbell (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3372, to require a study of the conditions under which certain grain products may be imported into the United States, and to require a report to Congress.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 3376, to provide emergency authority to the Secretary of Energy to purchase oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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Campbell (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3377, to express the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued honoring the 150th anniversary of Irish immigration to the United States that resulted from the Irish Famine of 1845-1850.

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Baucus Amendment No. 3378, to establish guidelines for the relocation, closing, or consolidation of post offices. (By 21 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 245), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Campbell (for Wellstone) Amendment No. 3382, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building".

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Campbell (for Thompson) Amendment No. 3357, to promote the public's right to know about Federal regulatory programs, improve the quality of Government, and increase Government accountability.

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Domenici/Bingaman/Coverdell/Cleland Amendment No. 3384, to provide funding for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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Campbell Amendment No. 3388, to provide funding for Customs drug interdiction and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

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Rejected:

Daschle Amendment No. 3365, to provide for marriage tax penalty relief. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 243), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 244), Harkin Amendment No. 3374 (to Amendment No. 3353), to limit the scope of the requirement relating to inspection of a contractor's records.

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Withdrawn:

Brownback/Ashcroft Amendment No. 3359, to provide that married couples may file a combined return under which each spouse is taxed using the rates applicable to unmarried individuals. (By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Domenici/Coverdell Amendment No. 3383, to provide additional funding for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 3379, to provide for appointment and term length for the staff director and general counsel of the Federal Election Commission.

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Glenn Amendment No. 3380, to provide additional funding for enforcement activities of the Federal Election Commission.

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Graham/Mack Amendment No. 3381, to provide funding for the Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

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Stevens Amendment No. 3385, to provide for an adjustment in the computation of annuities for certain Federal officers and employees relating to average pay determinations.

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Campbell (for Grassley) Amendment No. 3386, to protect Federal law enforcement officers who intervene in certain situations to protect life or prevent bodily injury.

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Harkin Amendment No. 3387, to provide additional funding to reduce methamphetamine usage in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

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Kohl (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3389, to express the sense of the Senate regarding payroll tax relief.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, with any votes ordered to occur on Thursday, July 30, 1999.

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Department of Defense Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2132, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, on Thursday, July 30, 1999.

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Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act—Conferees: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1260, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators D'Amato, Gramm, Shelby, Sarbanes, and Dodd.

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

Transmitting the report concerning the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-149).

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Transmitting the report of the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Request Act; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-150).

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Transmitting the report concerning the ongoing efforts to meet the goals set forth in the Dayton Accords; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-151).

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Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iraq; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-152).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-153).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Norine E. Noonan, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Patricia T. Montoya, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

James M. Bodner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Eugene A. Conti, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy.

Harry Litman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Paul M. Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Text of S. 2260 as Previously Passed:
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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—245) Pages S9177, S9199, S9207, S9218

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:59 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, July 30, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9321)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE REORGANIZATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Department of Agriculture's progress in consolidating and downsizing its operations, after receiving