Thursday, January 24, 2002

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed S. 1762, Fixed Interest Rates for Student Loans—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S51–S109

Measures Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1893–1897, S. Res. 201, and S. Con. Res. 94. **Page S100**

Measures Passed:

Commending University of Miami Football Champions: Senate agreed to S. Res. 201, commending the University of Miami Hurricanes football team for winning the 2001 NCAA Division I–A collegiate football national championship. **Pages S108–09**

Adoption Tax Credit: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S53–92**

Pending:

Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S53–92**

Smith (OR) Amendment No. 2705 (to the language proposed to be stricken), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a special depreciation allowance for certain property acquired after September 10, 2001, and before September 11, 2004. **Pages S88–92**

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

By 57 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 205 of H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution of 2001 (106th Congress), with respect to the emergency designation of Baucus Amendment No. 2701 (to Amendment No. 2698), to provide emergency agriculture assistance. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation of the amendment was in violation of section 205 of H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution of 2001 was sustained, and the emergency designation was stricken. **Pages S76–88**

Senate sustained a point of order against Baucus Amendment No. 2701 (listed above), as being in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, for exceeding the spending allocation of the Senate Finance Committee, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S88**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Smith Amendment No. 2705 (to Amendment No. 2698), listed above, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Friday, January 25, 2002, with a vote to occur on or in relation to the Smith (OR) amendment at 10:30 a.m. **Page S92**

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nominations of Marcia S. Krieger, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and James C. Mahan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada on Friday, January 25, 2002, with votes to occur on each nomination. **Page S92**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S107–08**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S108**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Pages S87–88**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, January 25, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S109.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CLONING RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine funding issues surrounding cloning research, focusing on the clarification of how stem cell research, or therapeutic cloning, differs from human reproductive cloning, and the ethical and public-policy issues related to both, after receiving testimony from Irving L. Weissman, Stanford University Medical School, Stanford, California, on behalf of the National Academies Panel on Scientific and Medical Aspects of Human Cloning; Rudolf Jaenisch, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Whitehead Institute, Cambridge; and Brent Blackwelder, Friends of the Earth, and Maria Michejda, Georgetown University Immunology Center and New York University School of Medicine, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

U.S. ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the state of the economy, focusing on cyclical adjustments made in 2001, characterized by reductions in business investment, liquidations in business inventories, and economic difficulties with U.S. trading partners, after receiving testimony from Alan Greespan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of James R. Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Gregg, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CORPORATE AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the national security, safety, technological, and employment implications of increasing the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Covington & Burling, former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Joan B. Claybrook, Public Citizen, J. Andrew Hoerner, Center for a Sustainable Economy, John German, American Honda Motor Corporation, Inc., and Gregory Dana, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; Adrian K. Lund, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia; Marc Ross, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Allen Schaeffer, Diesel Technology Forum, Herndon, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of transportation in the United States, focusing on lessons learned from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21) and perspectives on reauthorization from the federal, state, and local level, after receiving testimony from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation; Ray Scheppach, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Governors Association; Mayor Peter Clavelle, Burlington, Vermont, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Mayor Brent Coles, Boise, Idaho, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Commissioner Chris Hart, Hillsborough County, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Counties.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Chief Financial Officer, J. Paul Gilman, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, and Morris X. Winn, of Texas, to be Assistant Administrator, Administration and Resources Management, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENRON COLLAPSE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues surrounding the collapse of Enron Corporation, focusing on its impact on financial and energy markets, corporate accounting standards and disclosure of corporate information, and pension investment aspects, after receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Jr., former Chairman, and Lynn E. Turner, former Chief Accountant, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Bruce B. Henning, Energy and Environmental Analysis, Inc., Arlington, Virginia; John H. Langbein, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; and Frank Partnoy, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California.

EARLY EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the quality of early childhood learning programs, focusing on the importance of early childhood cognitive development, after receiving testimony from First Lady Laura Bush.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Michael J. Melloy, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Robert E. Blackburn, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, James E. Gritzner, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, Cindy K. Jorgenson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Richard J. Leon, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Jay C. Zainey, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Melloy and Mr. Gritzner were introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin and Representative Leach, Mr. Blackburn was introduced by Senators Campbell and Allard, Ms. Jorgenson was introduced by Senator Kyl, Mr. Leon was introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Mr. Zainey was introduced by Senators Breaux and Landrieu, and Representative Townsend.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3622–3634; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 302–308, and H. Res. 335 were introduced. **Page H78**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H39**

Fixed Interest Rates for Student Loans: The House passed S. 1762, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers and to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders by a yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 4—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H43–48**

H. Res. 334, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H41–43**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of January 29. **Page H48**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, January 29: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, January 25 it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 for morning hour debate. **Page H49**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 30. **Page H49**

Discharge Petition on Campaign Finance Reform—Motion Placed on Calendar: Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV with a majority of the total membership of the House having signed Discharge Petition No. 3, Turner motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from consideration of H. Res. 203, providing for consideration of H.R. 2356, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, the motion was referred to the Calendar of Motions to Discharge Committees. **Pages H76–77**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H39.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H47–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DESTRUCTION—ENRON-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the destruction of Enron-related documents by Anderson personnel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Andersen LLP: Dorsey L. Baskin, Jr., Managing Director, Professional Standards Group; C.E. Andrews, Global Managing Partner, Assurance and Business Advisory; Nancy Temple, Attorney; and Michael C. Odom, Audit Partner.

In refusing to give testimony, David Duncan, former Andersen LLP partner-in-charge of Enron, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on ''Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses: Health of Coalition Forces.'' Testimony was heard from Nancy Kingsbury, Director, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; William Winkenwerder, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Anthony J. Principi, Secretary; and John Feussner, Chief Research and Development Officer; the following members of the British Parliament: Bruce George, House of Commons and Chairman, Defence Select Committee; and Lord Morris of Manchester, House of Lords; and public witnesses.

ACTIVE DUTY FORCE—MEDICAL READINESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Operational and Medical Readiness in the Active Duty Force. Testimony was heard from Frances Murphy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ellen P. Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Force Health Protection and Health Affairs, Department of Defense; the following former Senators: Warren B. Rudman, New Hampshire; and Donald Riegle, Michigan; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST *of December 23, 2001, p. D4)*

H.R. 2884, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States. Signed on January 23, 2002. (Public Law 107–134)

H.R. 3447, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain qualified nurses for the Veterans Health Administration, to provide an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, to enhance certain health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Signed on January 23, 2002. (Public Law 107–135)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, January 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 622, Adoption Tax Credit Act, with a vote on Smith (OR) Amendment No. 2705 to occur at 10:30 a.m.; to be followed by consideration of the nominations of Marcia S. Krieger, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and James C. Mahan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, with votes to occur thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, January 25

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Pro forma session.

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