

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2605, Energy and Water Development Appropriations

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11455–S11519*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1642–1644, and S. Res. 189. **Page S11494**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows: S. 1051, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–163)

S. Res. 189, authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001. (S. Rept. No. 106–164)

S. 1568, imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11494**

#### Measures Passed:

**Education Funding:** By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 293), Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. **Pages S11476–90**

**Education Funding:** By 41 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 294), Senate rejected S. Res. 187, to express the sense of the Senate regarding education funding. **Pages S11476–91**

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

A message from the President of the United States transmitting a report on the national emergency

with respect to the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA)”; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–61). **Pages S11492–93**

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

Gerald V. Poje, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Navy. **Pages S11518–19**

**Messages From the President:** **Pages S11492–93**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S11501–04**

**Text of H.R. 2684, as Previously Passed:** **Pages S11504–18**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total–294) **Pages S11490–91**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 28, 1999. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S11518.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1568, imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Sim Farar, of California, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Zell Miller, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Edward W. Stimpson, of Idaho, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 2951–2958; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 67–68, and H. Con. Res. 189, were introduced. Page H8872

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2910, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, amended (H. Rept. 106–335);

Conference report on H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–336);

H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions (H. Rept. 106–337);

S. 944, to amend Public Law 105–188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma (H. Rept. 106–338);

Conference report on H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–339);

H.R. 2130, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add gamma hydroxybutyric acid and ketamine to the schedules of control substances, to provide for a national awareness campaign, amended (H. Rept. 106–340, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1714, to facilitate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate or foreign commerce, amended (H. Rept. 106–341, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 305, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–342).

Pages H8677–H8762, H8831–60, H8871–72

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H8667

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

**National Parks Air Tour Management Act:** H.R. 717, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to regulate overflights of national parks;

Pages H8668–71

**Technical Corrections to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act:** S. 1072, to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.)—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8674–77

**Small Business Innovation Research Program Reauthorization:** H.R. 2392, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the Small Business Innovation Research Program;

Pages H8762–67

**Foreign Service's 75th Anniversary:** H. Res. 168, recognizing the Foreign Service of the United States on the occasion of its 75th anniversary;

Pages H8767–70

**Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act:** H.R. 1934, amended, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to establish the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program; **Pages H8777-79**

**Black Canyon National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Act:** S. 323, amended, to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area; **Pages H8780-86**

**Providing for Mineral Leasing of Certain Indian Lands in Oklahoma:** S. 944, to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8786-87**

**Amending the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands:** H.R. 2841, amended, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions; **Pages H8787-88**

**Extending Reenactment of Chapter 12 of Title 11:** H.R. 2942, amended, to extend for 6 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H8813-15**

**Sense of Congress Re the European Council Noise Rule:** H. Con. Res. 187, amended, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and reengined aircraft (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 448); **Pages H8671-73, H8822**

**Sense of Congress Re Free, Fair, Transparent, and Peaceful Elections in Haiti:** H. Con. Res. 140, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections (agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 400 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 449); **Pages H8770-77, H8822-23**

**Conveyance of Certain Lands in San Juan County, New Mexico:** S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College (passed by a yea and nay vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 450)—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H8779-80, H8823-24**

**Preserving Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens Into the 21st Century Act:** H.R. 202, amended, to restructure the financing for assisted housing for senior citizens and otherwise provide for the preservation of such housing in the 21st Century (passed

by a yea and nay vote of 405 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 451)—agreed to amend the title.

**Pages H8788-H8813, H8824**

**Energy and Water Appropriations Conference Report:** The House agreed to H.R. 2605, Conference report on H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yea and nay vote of 327 yeas to 87 nays, Roll No. 452.

**Pages H8815-21, H8824-25**

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Edwin L. Cox of Dallas, Texas to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term. **Page H8815**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency re Angola:** Read a message from the president wherein he transmitted his 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-132). **Page H8815**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:49 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m. **Page H8869**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8667 and H8786.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8873-74.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8822, H8822-23, H8823-24, H8824, and H8824-25. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM AND MEDICARE

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on the Year 2000 Computer Problem and Medicare: Is Health Service Delivery at Risk? Testimony was heard from Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO; Gary Christoph, Chief Information Officer, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of general debate on H.J. Res. 67, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000, equally divided and controlled by the

chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representative Obey.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

*Conferees*, on Friday, September 24, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2605, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations*: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on Parkinson's disease research and treatment, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, business meeting to begin markup of proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine public ownership of the United States stock market issues, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: to hold hearings on the nomination of Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; the nomination of Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and the nomination of Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on the proposed fiscal year 2000 budget request for the General Services Administration and the Court-house construction program, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to hold hearings to examine the disarray in the international community, focusing on facing Saddam's Iraq, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States/Kosovo diplomacy, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Youth Violence, to hold hearings to examine effective juvenile intervention programs, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem*: to hold hearings on the potential impacts and future consequences of Y2K and Russia, 10 a.m., SD-192.

#### House

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Securities Transaction Fees, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on Prescription Drugs: What We Know and Don't Know About Seniors' Access to Coverage, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Compensating Vaccine Injuries: Are Reforms Needed? 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Democratic Republic of Congo: The Lusaka Peace Accords and Beyond, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Transatlantic Trade Agenda: A Conflict or Cooperation? 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up H.R. 764, Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2559, Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 1999 and the conference report on H.R. 2606, Foreign operations Appropriations for FY 2000, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Basic Research, hearing on the Impact of Basic Research on Technological Innovation and National Prosperity, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

#### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 1554, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934, relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite, 10 a.m., H-137, Capitol.

*Joint Meetings*: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion, 9:30 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, September 28

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, September 28

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate expects to consider the conference report on H.R. 2605, Energy and Water Development Appropriations, and may consider S. 761, Millennium Digital Commerce Act. Also, Senate will consider any appropriation bills and conference reports when available.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Res. 292, Expressing the Sense of the House Regarding East Timor;

(2) H. Res. 297, Expressing Sympathy for the Victims of Taiwan Earthquake; and

(3) H. Res. , Expressing the Desire of the House to Not Spend the Budget Surplus and Retire the Public Debt;

Consideration of H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for FY 2000 (closed rule, one hour of general debate) and

Consideration of H.R. 2506, Health Research and Quality Act of 1999 (modified open rule, one hour of general debate).

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