

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14595-S14652

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1921-1936. **Page S14612**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1928, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a medicare subvention demonstration project for veterans. (S. Rept. No. 106-222).

S. Res. 200, designating the week of February 14-20 as "National Biotechnology Week", with amendments. **Page S14612**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, agreeing to committee amendments by unanimous consent, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14605-09**

Adopted:

Leahy Modified Amendment No. 2529, to save United States taxpayers \$24,000,000 by eliminating the blanket mandate relating to the filing of tax returns. **Page S14608**

Grassley (for Thurmond) Modified Amendment No. 2478, to provide for exclusive jurisdiction in Federal court for matters involving bankruptcy professional persons. **Page S14608**

Pending:

Feingold Amendment No. 2522, to provide for the expenses of long term care. **Page S14605**

Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations. **Page S14605**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions. **Page S14605**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. **Page S14605**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1696, to limit the amount of credit extended under an open end consumer credit plan to persons under the age of 21. **Page S14605**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2755, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency. **Page S14605**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2759, with respect to national standards and homeowner home maintenance costs. **Page S14605**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Page S14605**

Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable. **Page S14605**

Schumer Amendment No. 2764, to provide for greater accuracy in certain means testing. **Page S14605**

Schumer Amendment No. 2765, to include certain dislocated workers' expenses in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Page S14605**

Dodd Amendment No. 2531, to protect certain education savings. **Page S14605**

Dodd Amendment No. 2753, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for enhanced information regarding credit card balance payment terms and conditions, and to provide for enhanced reporting of credit card solicitations to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and to Congress. **Page S14605**

Hatch/Dodd/Gregg Amendment No. 2536, to protect certain education savings. **Page S14605**

Feingold Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. **Page S14605**

Schumer/Santorum Amendment No. 2761, to improve disclosure of the annual percentage rate for purchases applicable to credit card accounts. **Page S14605**

Durbin Amendment No. 2659, to modify certain provisions relating to pre-bankruptcy financial counseling. **Page S14605**

Durbin Amendment No. 2661, to establish parameters for presuming that the filing of a case under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, does not constitute an abuse of that chapter. **Page S14605**

Torricelli Amendment No. 2655, to provide for enhanced consumer credit protection. **Page S14605**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2752, to impose a moratorium on large agribusiness mergers and to establish a commission to review large agriculture mergers, concentration, and market power.

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Moynihan Amendment No. 2663, to make certain improvements to the bill with respect to low-income debtors.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the Moynihan Amendment No. 2663 (listed above), with a vote to occur thereon.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

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Appointment:

Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–277, announced the appointment of Deborah C. Ball, of Georgia, to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse for a three-year term.

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

Transmitting a periodic report relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran which was declared in Executive Order No. 12170; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–74).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Board for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–75).

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Transmitting the annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board for fiscal year 1998; referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (PM–76).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

W. Michael McCabe, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2003.

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2004.

Janie L. Jeffers, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14651.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Deanna T. Okun, of Idaho, to be a Member and Commissioner of the United States International Trade Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 3373–3413; 3 private bills, H.R. 3414–3416; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79–81, H. Con. Res. 229–231, and H. Res. 377–381, were introduced.

Pages H12107–09

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 106–470);

H.R. 1695, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to Clark County, Nevada, for the development of an airport facility, amended (H. Rept. 106-471);

H.R. 2086, to authorize funding for networking and information technology research and development for fiscal years 2000 through 2004, amended (H. Rept. 106-472, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 381, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 473).

Pages H11976-H12002, H12106-07

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Theodore Schneider of Atlanta, Georgia

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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Private Calendar: Agreed that the call of the Private Calendar be dispensed with on November 16, 1999.

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

State Flexibility Clarification Act: H.R. 3257, amended, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 587);

Pages H12003-05, H12018

Releasing Interests in Washington County, Utah: H.R. 2862, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange;

Pages H12005-06

Acquisition of Lands in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, Utah: H.R. 2863, to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah;

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Including Cat Island, Mississippi in the Gulf Islands National Seashore: H.R. 2541, amended, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi;

Pages H12006-08

Prohibiting Oil and Gas Drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake, Cortland, Ohio: H.R. 2818, to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland, Ohio;

Pages H12008-09

Increasing the Acreage of Federal Leases for Sodium: H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State;

Pages H12009-10

Condemning the Assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian: H. Con. Res. 222, condemning the assassination of Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Sargsian and other officials of the Armenian Government and expressing the sense of the Congress in mourning this tragic loss of the duly elected leadership of Armenia (agreed by a yeas and nays vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 588);

Pages H12010-15, H12018-19

Supporting the Concluded Elections in India: H. Con. Res. 211, expressing the strong support of the Congress for the recently concluded elections in the Republic of India and urging the President to travel to India (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 396 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 589)

Pages H12015-18, H12019-20

Supporting Democracy, Free Elections, and Human Rights in Laos: H. Res. 169, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas with 1 voting "nay", Roll No. 591). Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H12020-26, H12061

U.S. Policy Toward the Slovak Republic: H. Con. Res. 165, expressing United States policy toward the Slovak Republic (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 404 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 592);

Pages H12026-29, H12061-62

Conflict in North Caucasus Region of the Russian Federation: H. Con. Res. 206, amended, expressing grave concern regarding armed conflict in the North Caucasus region of the Russian Federation which has resulted in civilian casualties and internally displaced persons and urging all sides to pursue dialog for peaceful resolution of the conflict (agreed to be a yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 593);

Pages H12029-33, H12062-63

Funding for Diabetes Research: H. Res. 325, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of increased support and funding to combat diabetes (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 594);

Pages H12033-40, H12063

Honoring the Late Walter Payton: H. Res. 370, recognizing and honoring Walter Payton and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family on his death;

Pages H12040-43

Honoring the Late Joe Serna, Mayor of Sacramento, California: H. Res. 363, recognizing and honoring Sacramento, California, Mayor Joe Serna, Jr., and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family and the people of Sacramento on his death;

Pages H12043-46

Veterans Millennium Health Care Act: Conference report on H.R. 2116, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H12046–56**

Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3373, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson. **Pages H12056–59**

Suspension Failed—United States Marshals Service Improvement Act: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2336, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 595. **Pages H12063–64**

Multidistrict, Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial, and to provide for Federal jurisdiction of certain multiparty, multiforum civil actions, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Sensenbrenner, Coble, Conyers, and Berman. **Pages H12020**

Providing for Consideration of Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 374, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a yeas and nays vote of 214 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 590. Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution, H. Res. 342 was laid on the table. **Pages H12059–60**

Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 374, Representative Thune announced suspensions to be considered by the House. **Page H12064**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmitted his annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Government Reform; **Page H12064**

National Emergency Re Iran: Message wherein he transmitted his 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–159); and **Page H12064**

Railroad Retirement Board: Message wherein he transmitted his Annual Report of the Railroad Re-

tirement Board for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H12064**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:59 p.m. and reconvened at 12:44 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17 **Page H12105**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12018, H12019, H12019–20, H12060, H12061, H12061–62, H12062–63, H12063, and H12063–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 12:45 a.m. on Wed. Nov. 17.

Committee Meetings

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, providing one hour of debate 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. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

DRUG PB—EFFECTS ON PERSIAN GULF VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on the possible health effects of the drug pyridostigmine bromide (PB) on veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sue Bailey, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Bernard D. Rostker, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Gulf War Illnesses; Frances Murphy, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; public witnesses; and representatives of veterans organizations.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1295)

H.J. Res. 76, waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000. Signed November 10, 1999. (P.L. 106–93)

H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000. Signed November 10, 1999. (P.L. 106-94)

H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-95)

H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-96)

H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-97)

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-98)

H.R. 2303, to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-99)

H.R. 3122, to permit the enrollment in the House of Representatives Child Care Center of children of Federal employees who are not employees of the legislative branch. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-100)

H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-101)

S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential frame-

work for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers. Signed November 12, 1999. (P.L. 106-102)

H.R. 348, to authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs. Signed November 13, 1999. (P.L. 106-103)

H.R. 3061, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Signed November 13, 1999. (P.L. 106-104)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Cuba's Links to Drug Trafficking, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 17, executive, briefing on the "State of the Directorate of Operations", 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform Act, with votes to occur on the Wellstone Amendment No. 2752 and Moy-nihan Amendment No. 2663. Also, Senate expects to consider any appropriations bills and conference reports when available, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 17

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 80, Continuing Appropriations, FY 2000 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of Suspensions:

1. S. 1844, Child Support Miscellaneous Amendments;
2. H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act;
3. S. 1418, Holding Court at Natchez, Mississippi in the Same Manner as Vicksburg, Mississippi;
4. S. 1235, Permitting Railroad Police Officers to Attend FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement Training;
5. S. 440, Support for Certain Institutes and Schools;
6. H.R. 1953, Authorizing Leases for Land Held in Trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria;
7. S. 278, Conveyance of Land to the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico;
8. S. 416, Conveyance of Land to the City of Sisters, Oregon;
9. S. 1843, Dugger Mountain Wilderness;
10. S. 382, Establishment of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site;
11. H.R. 3051, Feasibility Study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in New Mexico; and
12. H.R. 1167, Tribal Self-Governance Amendments.

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