

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The Senate and House passed H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

Conference Report on H.R. 3194, District of Columbia Appropriations was filed in the House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14653-S14749

Measures Introduced: Eighteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1937-1954, and S. Con. Res. 74-75. Page S14696

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Report to accompany S. 1877, to amend the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995. (S. Rept. No. 106-223) Page S14695

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S14667-69

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 S14654-67, S14669-76, S14678-87

Adopted:

Leahy (for Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 1695, to increase bankruptcy filing fees, increase funds for the United States Trustee System Fund. Page S14664

Grassley (for McConnell) Amendment No. 2520, to amend section 326 of title 11, United States Code, to provide for compensation of trustees in certain cases under chapter 7 of that title. Page S14664

Leahy (for Feingold) Modified Amendment No. 2746, to change the definition of family farmer. Pages S14664-65

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2522, to provide for the expenses of long term care. Pages S14664-65

Torricelli Modified Amendment No. 2655, to provide for enhanced consumer credit protection. Pages S14671-74

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 2764, to provide for greater accuracy in certain means testing. Pages S14671, S14674

Durbin Modified 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. Pages S14671, S14674

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2659, to modify certain provisions relating to pre-bankruptcy financial counseling. Page S14679

By 82 yeas to 16 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 368), Feinstein Amendment No. 2756, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency. Pages S14669-71, S14680

Kennedy Amendment No. 2652, to amend the definition of current monthly income to exclude social security benefits. Pages S14678-80

Rejected:

By 27 yeas to 71 nays (Vote No. 366), 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. Pages S14654-63

Moynihan Amendment No. 2663, to make certain improvements to the bill with respect to low-income debtors. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 367), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S14663-64

Pending:
Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations. **Page S14654**
Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. **Page S14654**

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.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 2755, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency. **Page S14654**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2759, with respect to national standards and homeowner home maintenance costs. **Page S14654**

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

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Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable. **Page S14654**

Schumer Amendment No. 2765, to include certain dislocated workers' expenses in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Page S14654**

Dodd Amendment No. 2531, to protect certain education savings. **Page S14654**

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.

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Hatch/Dodd/Gregg Amendment No. 2536, to protect certain education savings. **Page S14654**

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. **Pages S14681–87**

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

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Feingold Amendment No. 2779 (to Amendment No. 2748), to modify certain provisions providing 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. **Pages S14682–87**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

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

Barbara M. Lynn, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rhonda C. Fields, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. **Page S14749**

Messages From the House: **Page S14693**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S14739–40**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S14742**

Authority for Committees: **Page S14742**

Additional Statements: **Pages S14742–47**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—368) **Pages S14663–64, S14680**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 18, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14749.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1561, 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, with amendments; and

The nominations of Thomas L. Ambro, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Third Circuit, Kermit Bye, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Eighth Circuit, George B. Daniels, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Joel A. Pisano, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Also, committee approved a resolution of issuance of subpoenas pursuant to Rule 26.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3417–3442; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 82–83, H. Con. Res. 232–233, and H. Res. 384, 388–390, were introduced. Pages H12225–26

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1827, to improve the economy and efficiency of Government operations by requiring the use of recovery audits by Federal agencies, amended (H. Rept. 106–474);

H. Res. 382, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–475);

H. Res. 383, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–476);

H.R. 1167, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes, amended (H. Rept. 106–477);

Conference report on H.R. 1180, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work (H. Rept. 106–478);

Conference report on H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–479);

H. Res. 385, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 82 making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for consideration of H.J. Res. 83, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–480);

H. Res. 386, a resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–481); and

H. Res. 387, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1180 to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Adminis-

tration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work (H. Rept. 106–482).

Pages H12174–H12222, H12224–25, H12230–H12727

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro Tempore for today. Page H12112

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Duane Carlson of Springfield, Virginia. Page H12112

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 80, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 403 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 596.

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H. Res. 381, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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

Holding Court in Natchez, Mississippi: S. 1418, amended, to provide for the holding of court at Natchez, Mississippi in the same manner as court is held at Vicksburg, Mississippi; Pages H12118–19

Allowing Railroad Police Officers to Attend FBI Academy: S. 1235, to amend part G of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow railroad police officers to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for law enforcement training—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H12119–20

Conveyance of Land the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico: S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H12126–27

Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Establishment Act: S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H12127–29

Conveyance of Land the City of Sisters, Oregon: S. 416, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility; Pages H12130–31

Authorizing Leases on Land Held in Trust by Certain Indian Tribes: H.R. 1953, amended, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert

Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria;

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Feasibility Study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation: H.R. 3051, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in the State of New Mexico;

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Tribal Self-Governance Amendments: H.R. 1167, amended, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further self-governance by Indian tribes;

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Boundaries Relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System: S. 1398, to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Reauthorizing OPIC and the Trade and Development Agency: H.R. 3381, to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency.

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Suspension Failed—Support for Certain Institutes and Schools: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass S. 440, to provide support for certain institutes and schools by a yea and nay vote of 128 yeas to 291 nays, Roll No. 597.

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Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 374, Representative Hansen announced suspensions to be considered by the House.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 11:02 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:03 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 a.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:07 a.m. and reconvened at 3:46 a.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12118 and H12147–48. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:48 a.m.

Committee Meetings

DRUG TRAFFICKING—CUBA'S LINKS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Cuba's Links to Drug Trafficking. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gilman

and Burton of Indiana; Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; William E. Ledwith, Chief, International Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and Adm. Ed Barrett, USCG, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force East, Department of Transportation.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, November 18, 1999. The rule provides that the object of any motion to suspend the rules shall be announced from the floor at least one hour prior to its consideration. Finally, the rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under this resolution.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (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 on November 18, 1999, providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, any amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule further applies the waiver to a special rule reported on November 18, 1999, providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS, 2000 CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3194, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2000 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule further provides that upon adoption of the conference report, the text of the concurrent resolution printed in the rule tabling the conference report accompanying H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of Interior for FY 2000, shall be considered as adopted.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 82, making further appropriations for fiscal year 2000 and H.J. Res. 83, making further appropriations for fiscal year 2000 under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.J. Res. 82. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 82, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.J. Res. 82. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of H.J. Res. 83. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 83, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides one motion to recommit H.J. Res. 83.

**WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT
CONFERENCE REPORT**

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference re-

port on H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

**BRIEFING—DIRECTORATE OF OPERATIONS
STATE**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the "State of the Directorate of Operations". The Committee was briefed by departmental officials.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, 1999****Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, November 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 Noon), Senate expects to consider any measures regarding the appropriations process, and any other cleared legislative and executive business. Also, Senate may continue consideration of S. 625, Bankruptcy Reform Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 18

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3194, District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2000 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of H.J. Res. 82, making continuing appropriations (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H.R. 34, Corrections to the Coastal Barrier Resources System Map relating to unit P19-P;

(2) S. 438, Chippewa Cree Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act;

(3) S. 574, Corrections to the Coastal Barrier Resources System relating to the Cape Henlopen State Park boundary;

(4) H.R. 1802, Foster Care Independence Act;

(5) S. 791, Women's Business Centers Sustainability;

(6) H.R. 1827, Government Waste Corrections Act;

and

(7) H.R. 3419, Motor Carrier Safety.



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