

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. **Page S14654**

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. **Page S14654**

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.